

Analysis of Distributed Probabilistic Systems: Limitations and Possibilities

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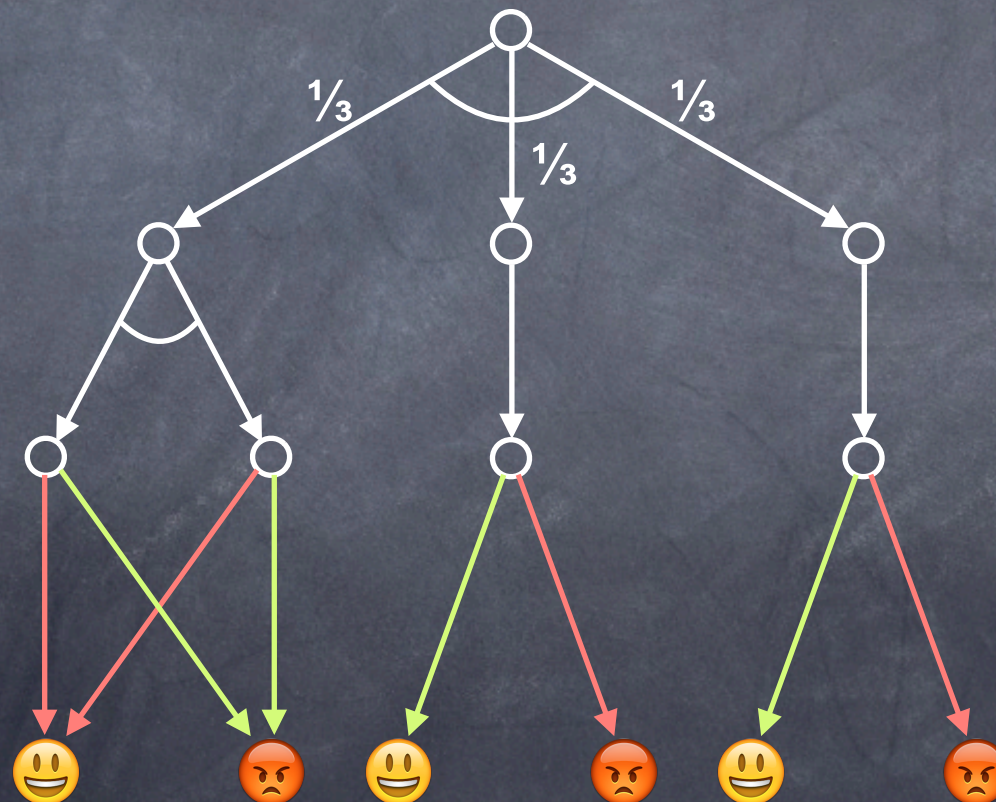
Overview

- Motivation
- Distributed Schedulers
- Strongly Distributed Schedulers
- Distributed Schedulers under secrecy
- (Un)decidability results
- Concluding remarks

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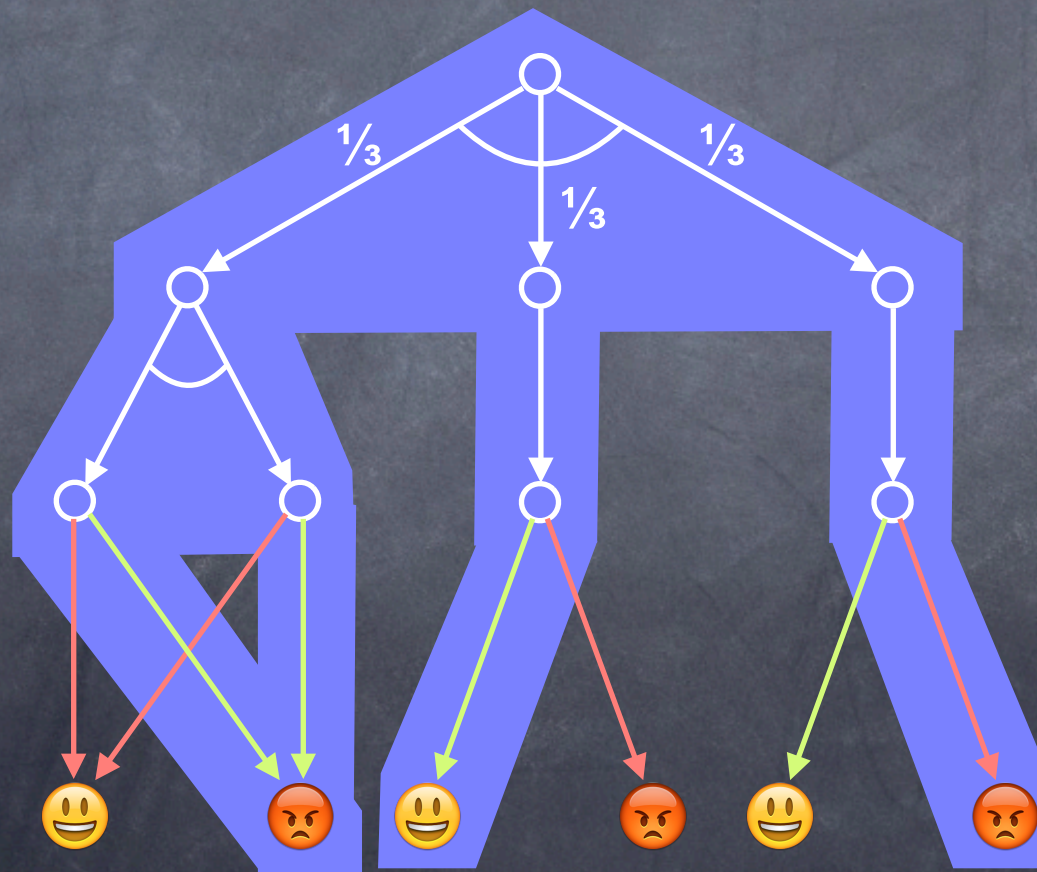
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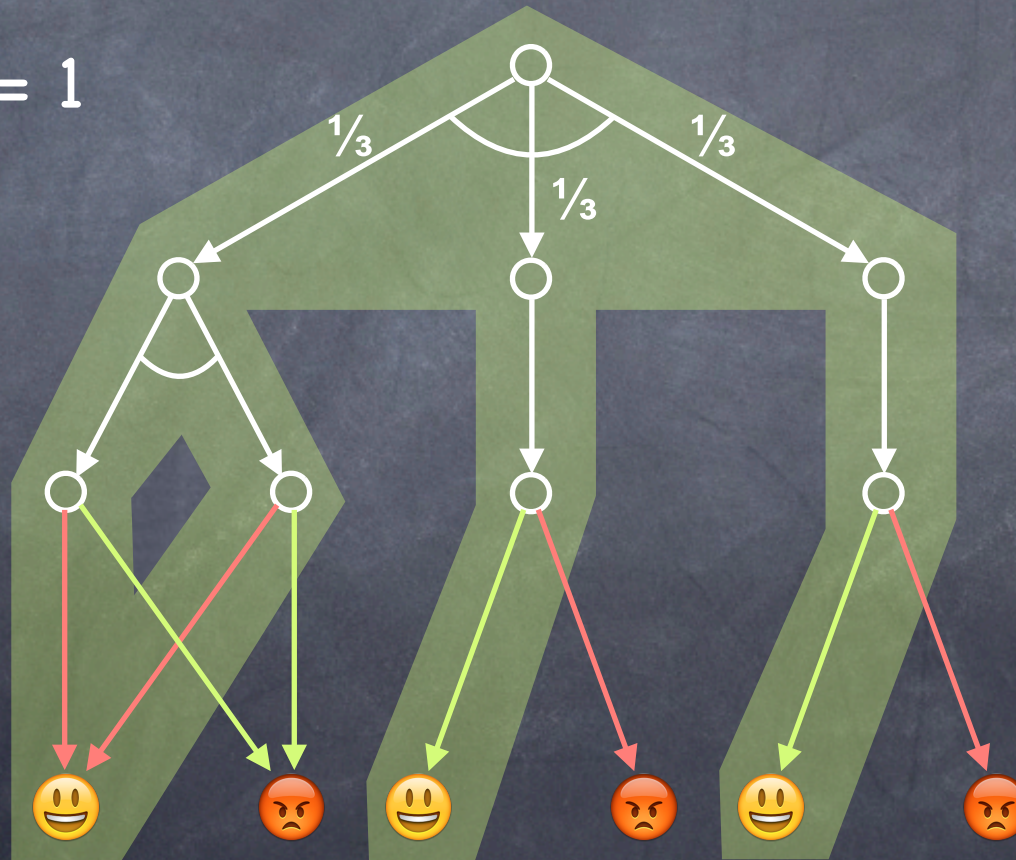


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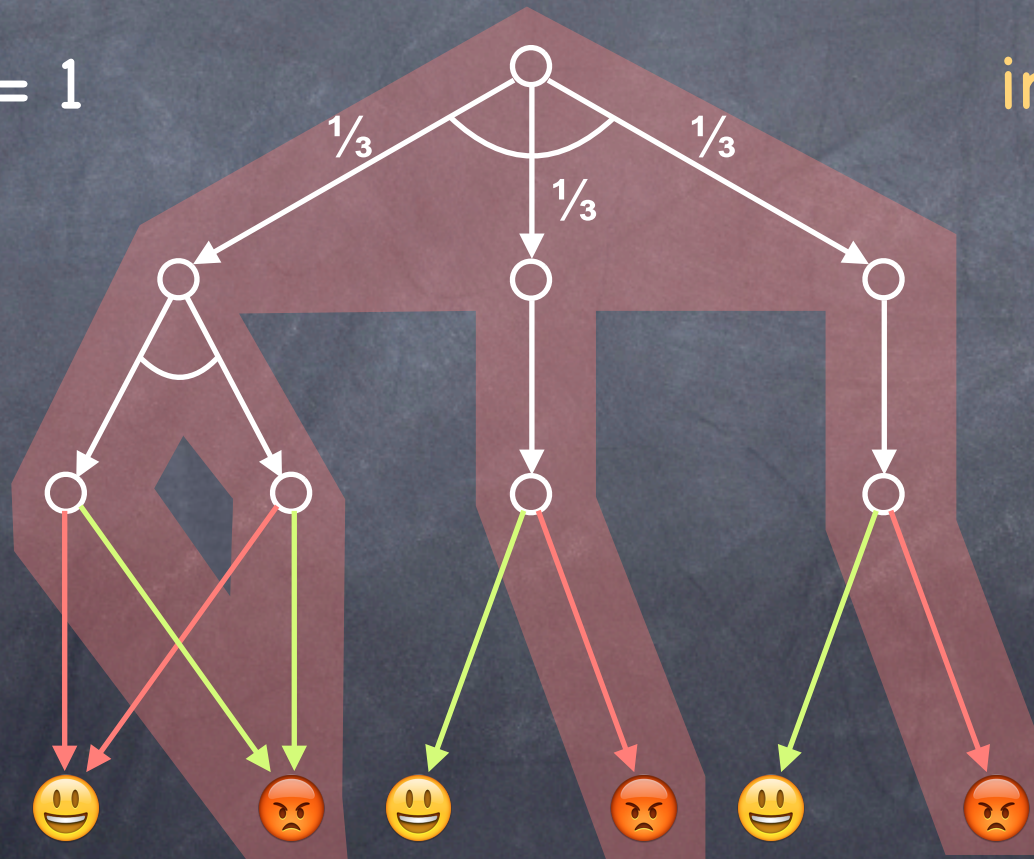


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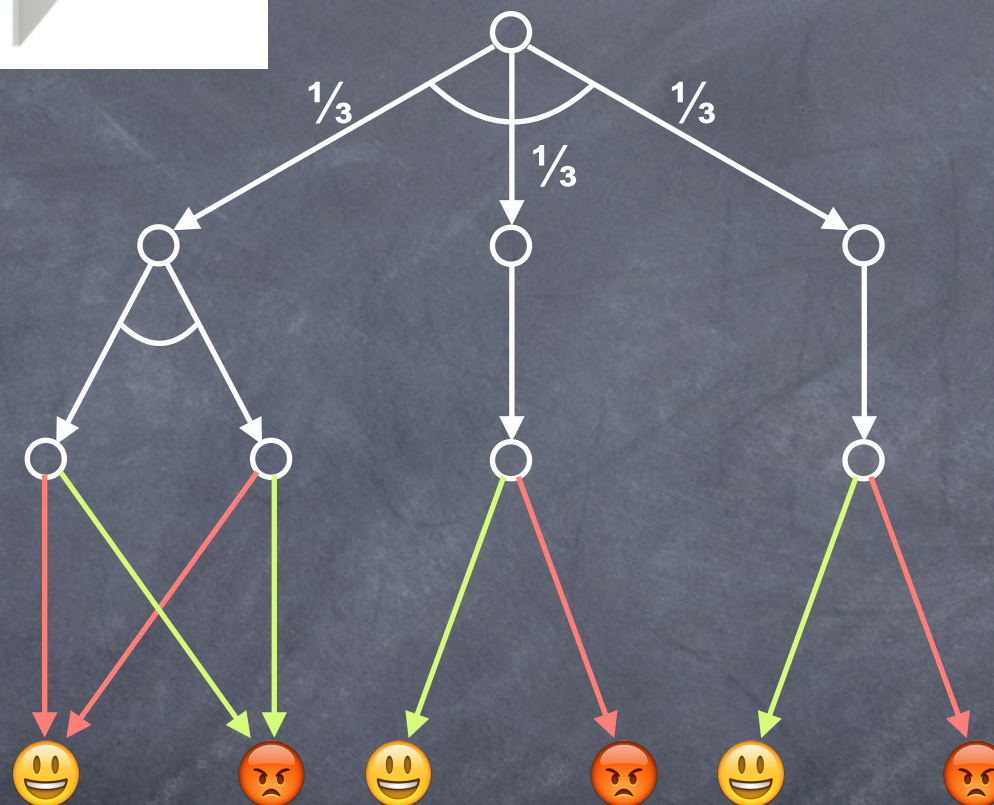


$$\inf P(F 😊) = 0$$



Model Checking Stochastic Concurrent Systems

Monty Hall problem



choose door

open door

keep door
switch door

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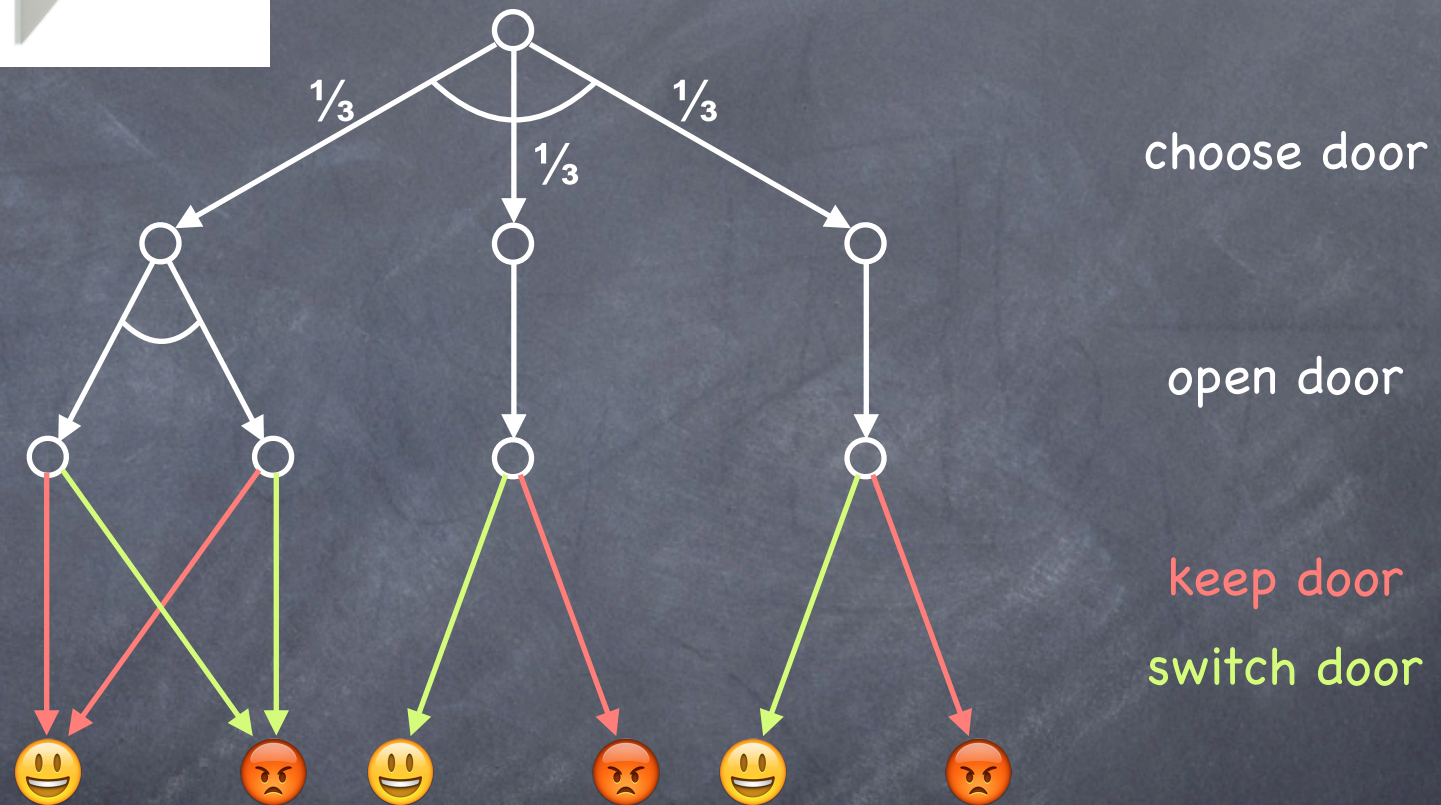
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Probabilistic model
checking provides a safe over-
approximation of the actual
probability value

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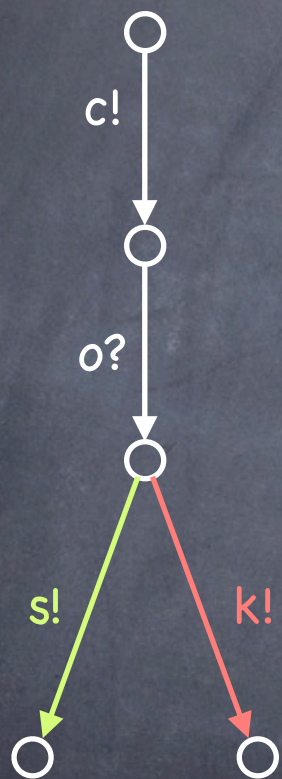
All schedulers
are too many!

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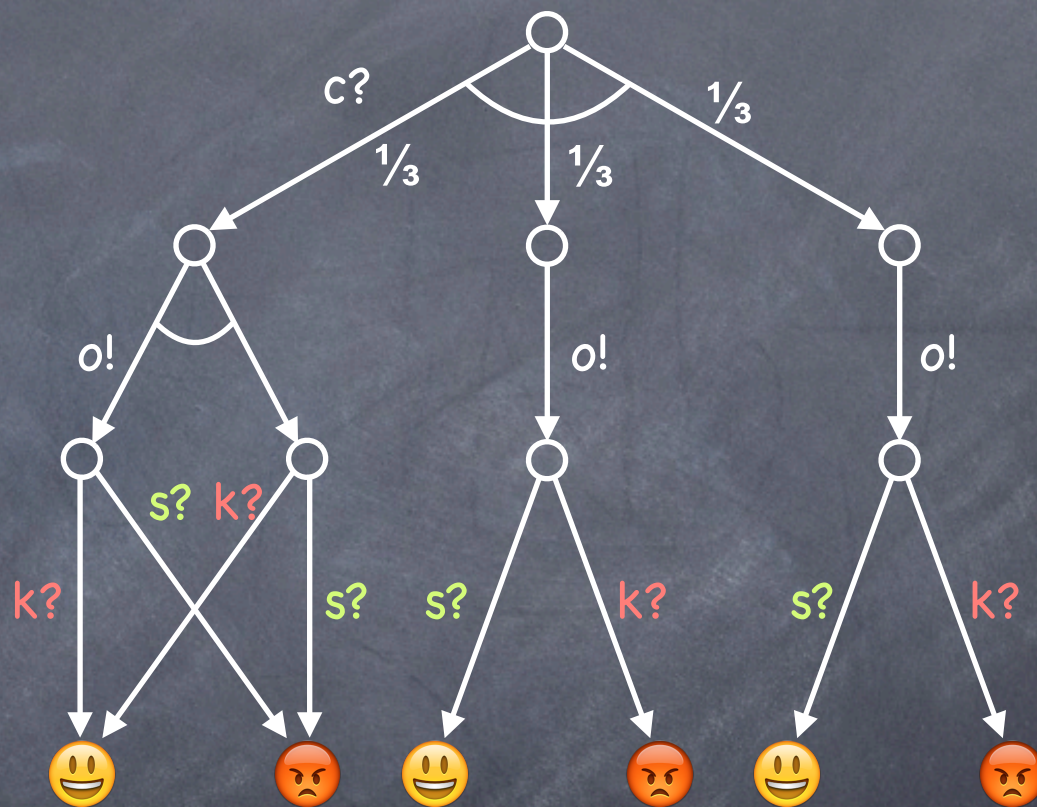
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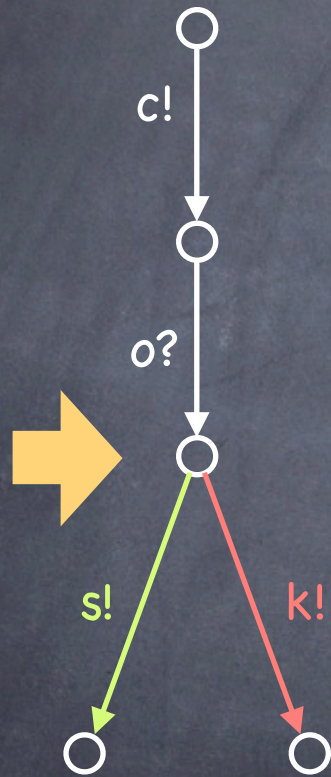
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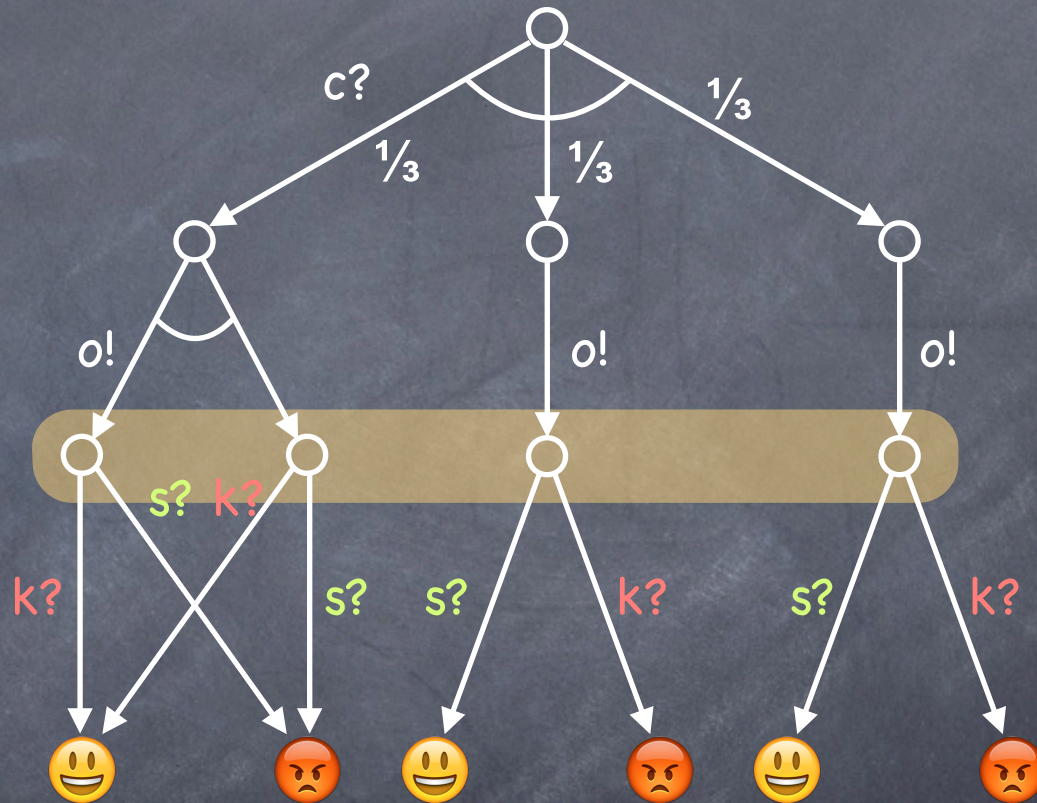
Little knowledge about other
processes internal state

Local decisions can **only** be
taken based on local knowledge

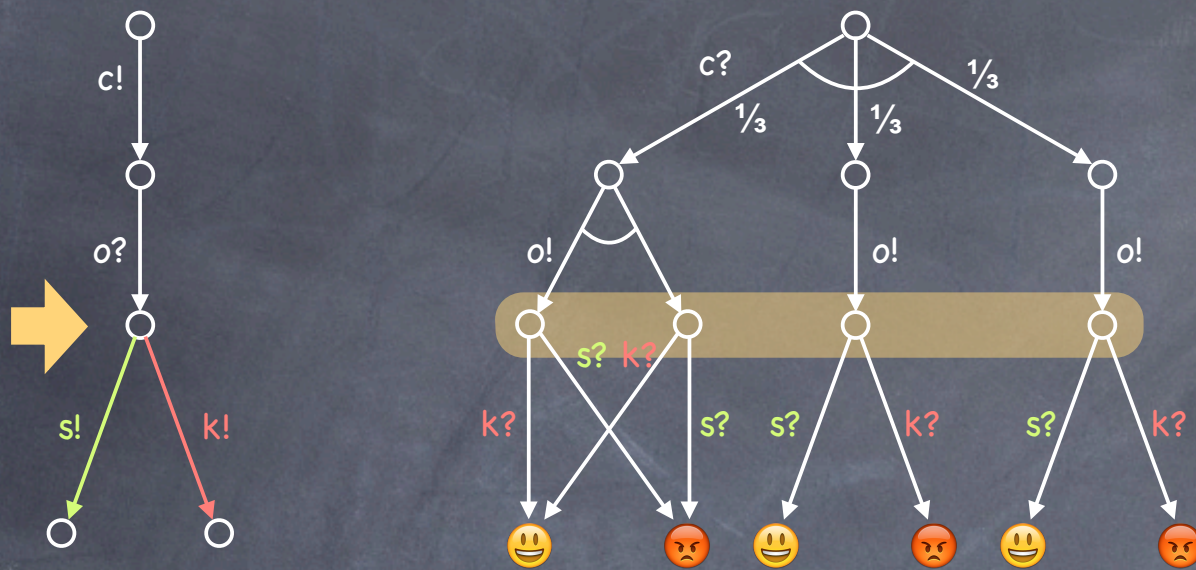


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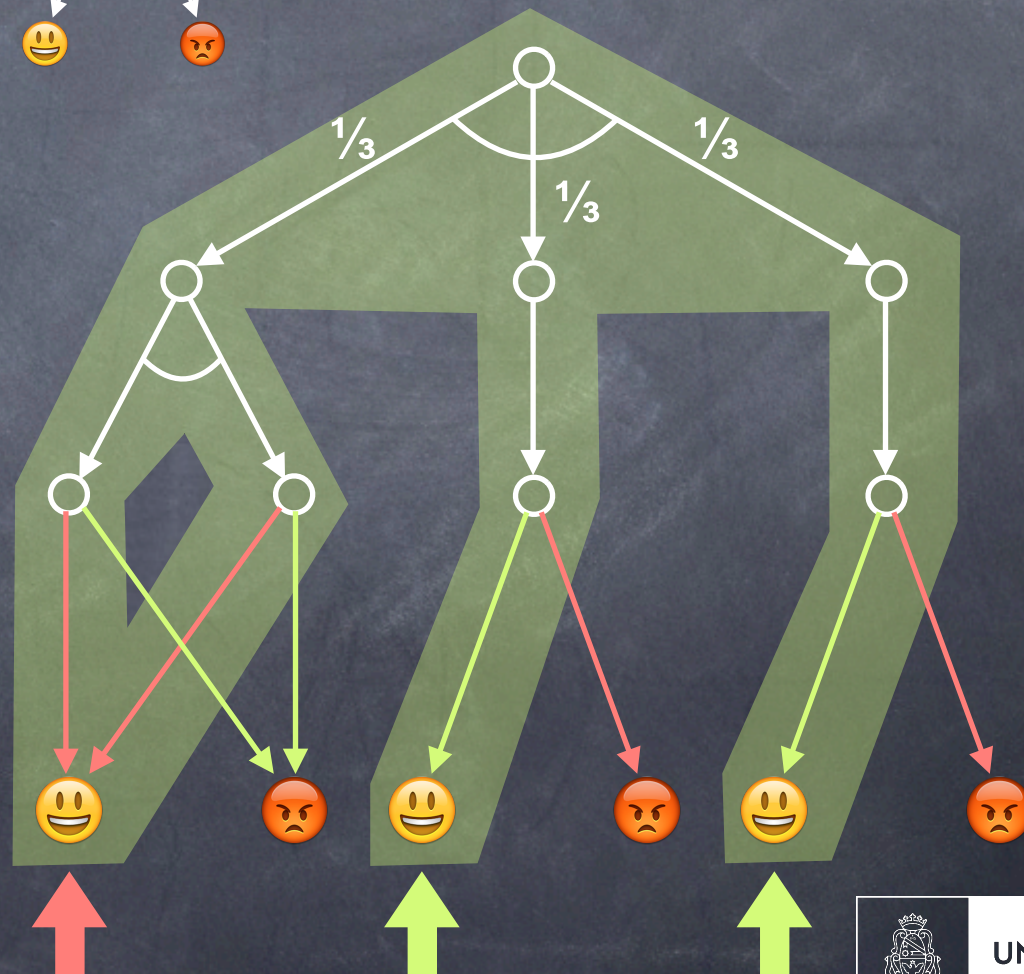
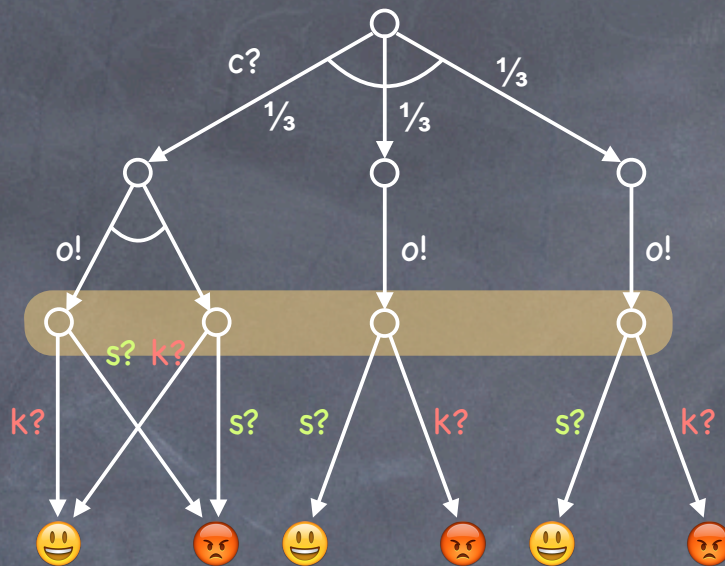
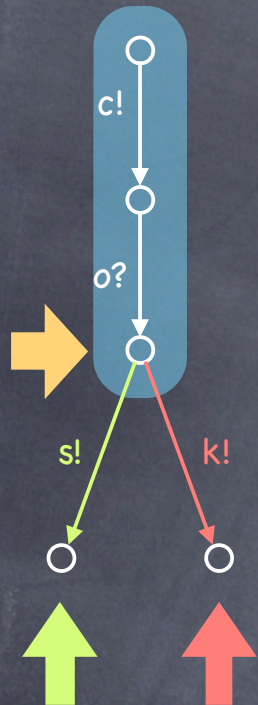
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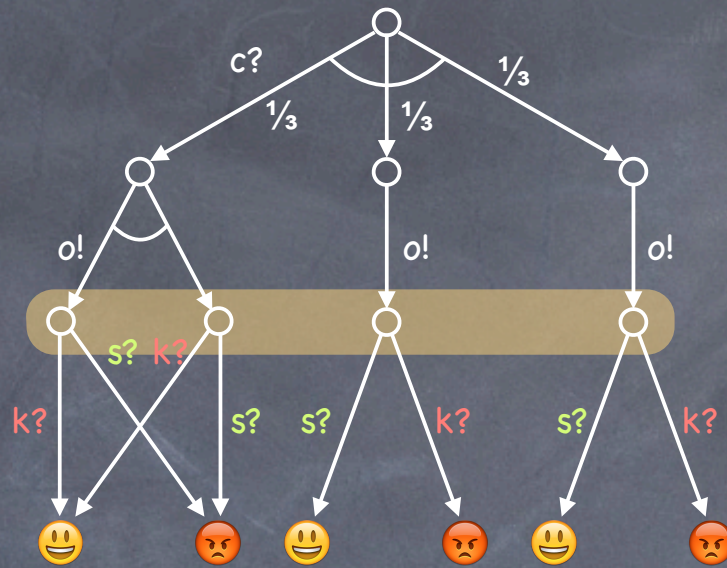
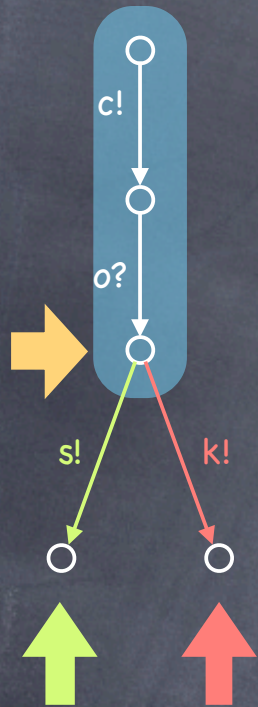


- A **distributed scheduler** is a scheduler that **respects** the local decisions of each component.
- Local decisions are only taken with the information available to each component.



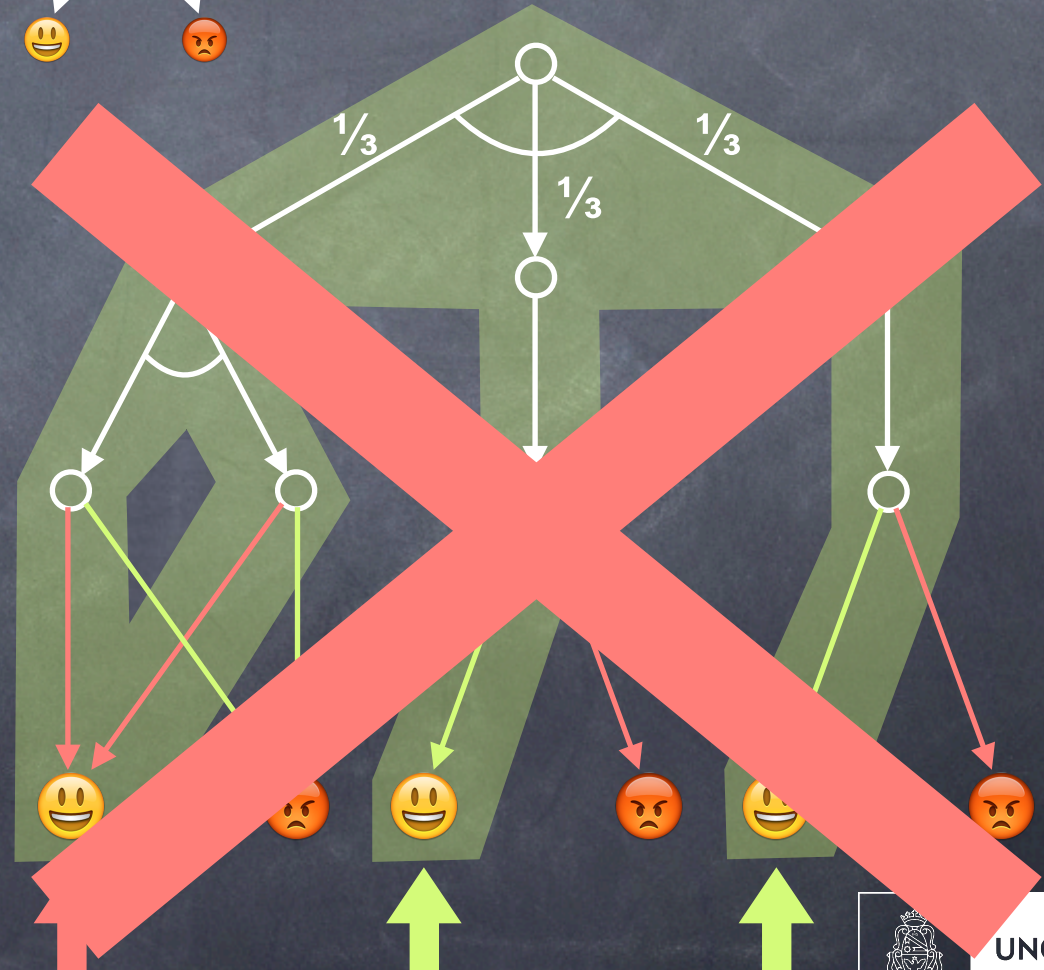
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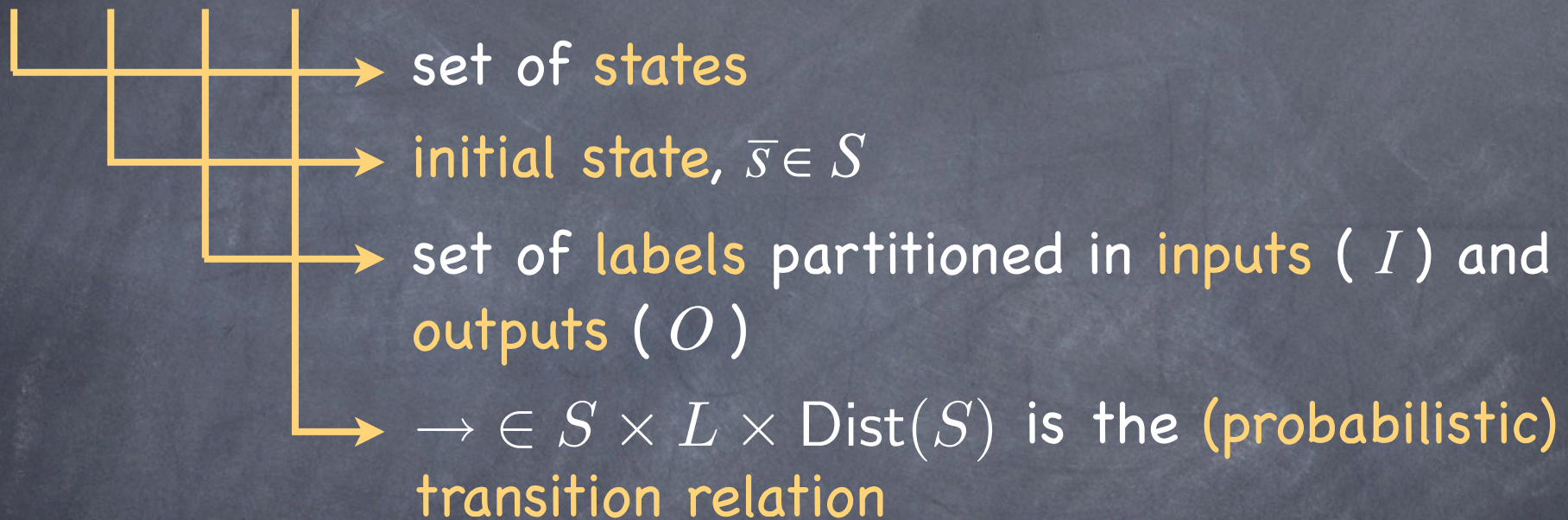
Any acceptable scheduler can do either "keep" or "switch" but not both

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Probabilistic I/O automata

$(S, \bar{s}, L, \rightarrow)$



input enabled: $\forall a \in I : s \xrightarrow{a}$

label deterministic: $\forall a \in L : (s \xrightarrow{a} \mu' \wedge s \xrightarrow{a} \mu'') \rightarrow \mu' = \mu''$

Composition of PIOA

- Two PIOA A_1, A_2 are **compatible** if $O_1 \cap O_2 = \emptyset$.
- Their **parallel composition** is defined by

$$A_1 \parallel A_2 = (S_1 \times S_2, (\bar{s}_1, \bar{s}_2), L_1 \cup L_2, \rightarrow)$$

- with $O = O_1 \cup O_2$ and $I = (L_1 \cup L_2) \setminus O$, and

$$\frac{s_1 \xrightarrow{a} \mu_1}{(s_1, s_2) \xrightarrow{a} \mu_1 \times \delta_{s_2}} \quad a \in L_1 \setminus L_2$$

$$\frac{s_1 \xrightarrow{a} \mu_1 \quad s_2 \xrightarrow{a} \mu_2}{(s_1, s_2) \xrightarrow{a} \mu_1 \times \mu_2} \quad a \in L_1 \cap L_2$$

Because of compatibility, **at most one** component produces an output in the composed transition

Extends to multiple components as expected

Execution of PIOA

An **execution fragment** of a PIOA is a sequence

$$s_0 a_0 \mu_0 s_1 a_1 \mu_1 s_2 \dots s_{m-1} a_{m-1} \mu_{m-1} s_m$$

such that $s_i \xrightarrow{a_i} \mu_i$ and $\mu_i(s_{i+1}) > 0$

Schedulers

- A **scheduler** is a mapping from execution fragments to distributions on transitions enabled in the current state.
- Two steps to construct **distributed schedulers**:
 1. choose the **active component** A_i (i.e. the one that will produce an output),
 2. let A_i choose one **output transition** according to the local knowledge (suppose its label is a).
- All other A_j matching a (as an **input**) will do so in a parallel composition (ensured by input enabledness and determinism)

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Schedules output transitions provided this component is chosen to execute.

- For each component A_i we consider an **output scheduler** $\Theta_i : \text{Frag}_i \rightarrow \text{Dist}(O_i)$, s.t.

$$\Theta_i(\sigma)(a) > 0 \quad \text{implies} \quad \text{last}(\sigma) \xrightarrow{a}_i$$

- For the system $A_1 \parallel \dots \parallel A_n$ we define the **interleaving scheduler** $\mathcal{I} : \text{Frag} \rightarrow \text{Dist}(\{1, \dots, n\})$, s.t.

$$\mathcal{I}(\sigma)(i) > 0 \quad \text{implies} \quad \exists a \in O_i : \text{last}(\sigma) \xrightarrow{a}_i$$

Selects randomly the component that will execute an output

Projection of an execution

The **projection on a component** A_i of an execution fragment σ of a system $A_1 \parallel \dots \parallel A_n$ is defined inductively by

$$[(\bar{s}_1, \dots, \bar{s}_n)]_i = \bar{s}_i$$

$$[\sigma \ a \ (\mu_1 \times \dots \times \mu_n) \ (s_1, \dots, s_n)]_i = \begin{cases} [\sigma]_i \ a \ \mu_i \ s_i & \text{if } a \in L_i \\ [\sigma]_i & \text{if } a \notin L_i \end{cases}$$

It defines the idea of
"local knowledge"

Distributed Scheduler

A **distributed schedulers** is a mapping

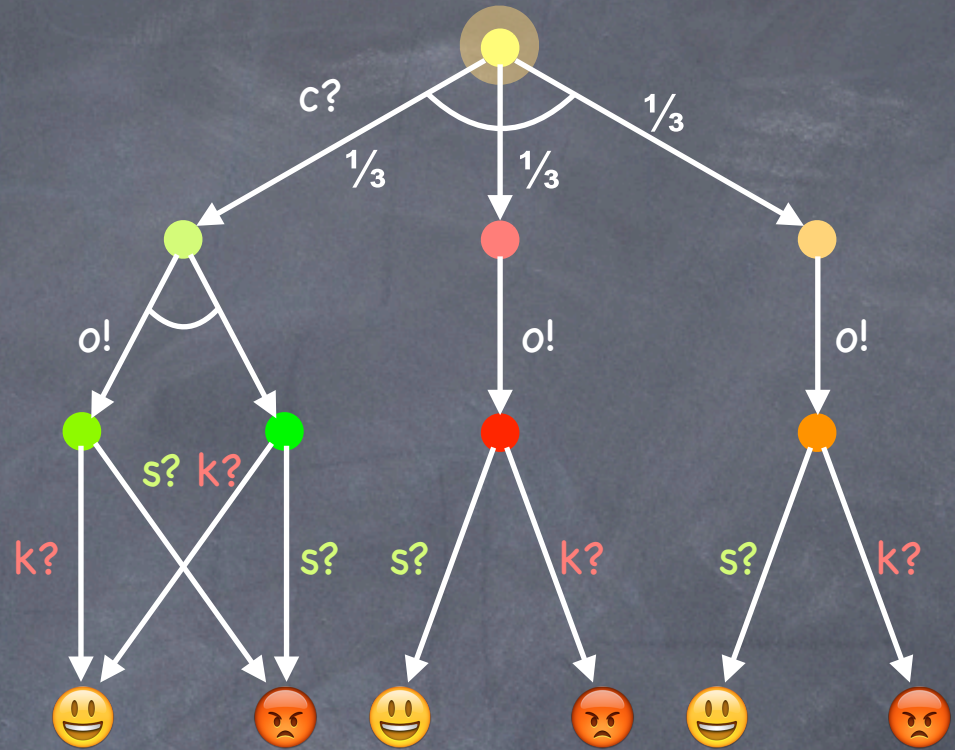
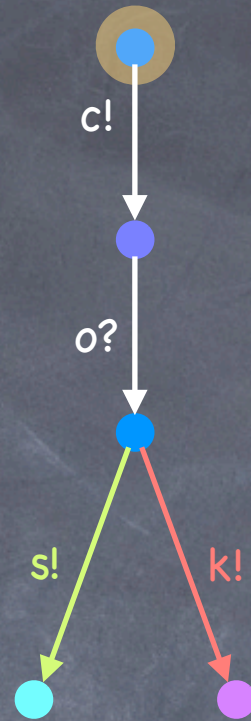
$$\eta : \text{Frag} \rightarrow \text{Dist}(O)$$

s.t. there is a family of output schedulers $\{\Theta_i\}_i$ and an interleaving scheduler \mathcal{I} so that for all $\sigma \in \text{Frag}$:

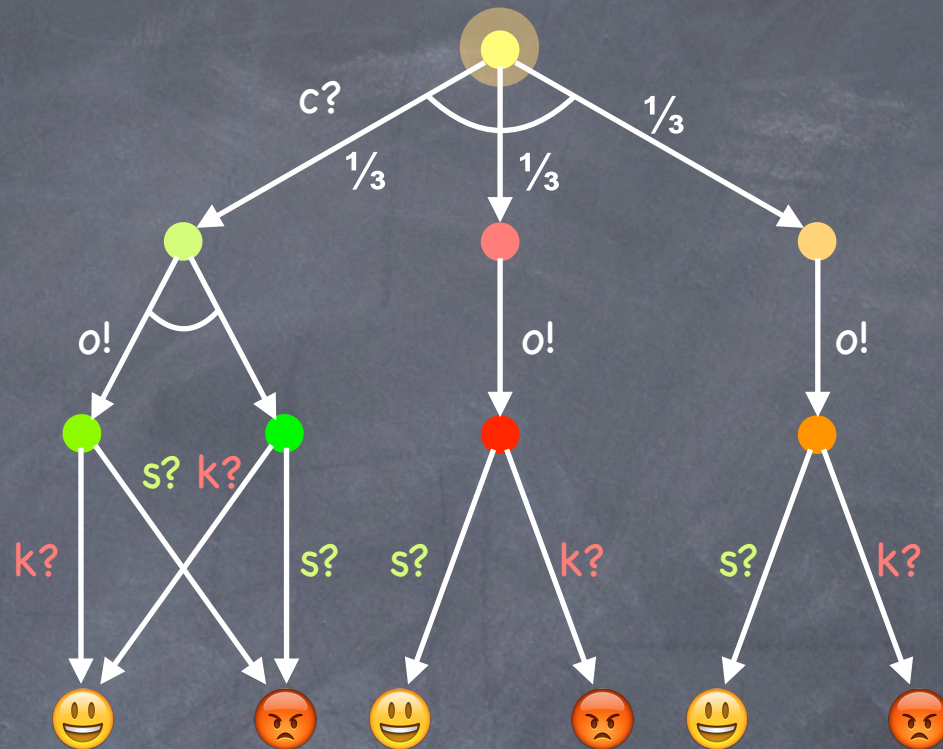
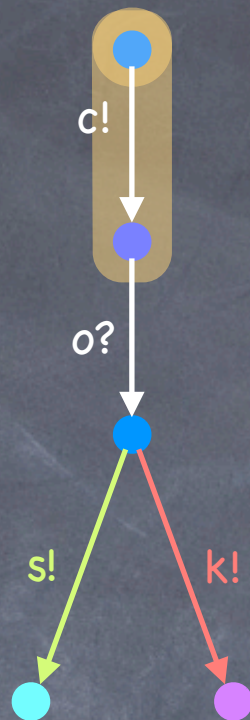
$$\begin{aligned}\eta(\sigma)(a) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{I}(\sigma)(i) \cdot \Theta_i(\underline{[\sigma]_i})(a) \\ &= \mathcal{I}(\sigma)(j) \cdot \Theta_j(\underline{[\sigma]_j})(a) \quad \text{provided } a \in O_j\end{aligned}$$

Example revisited

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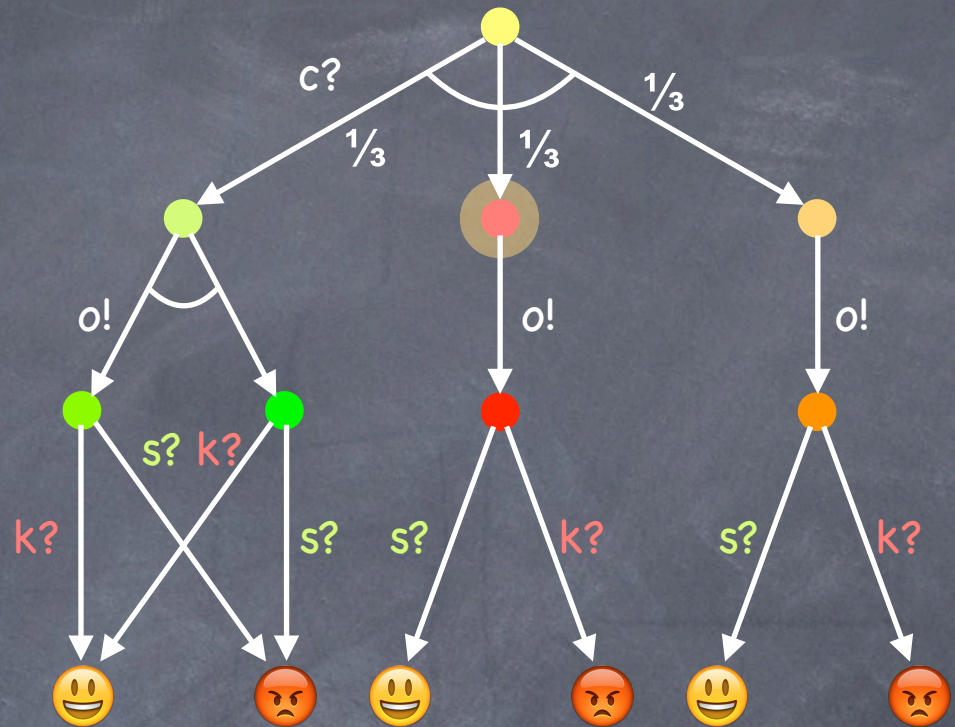
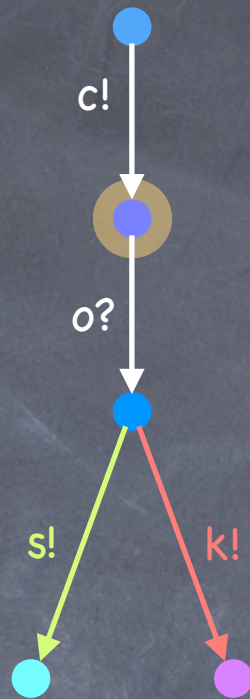
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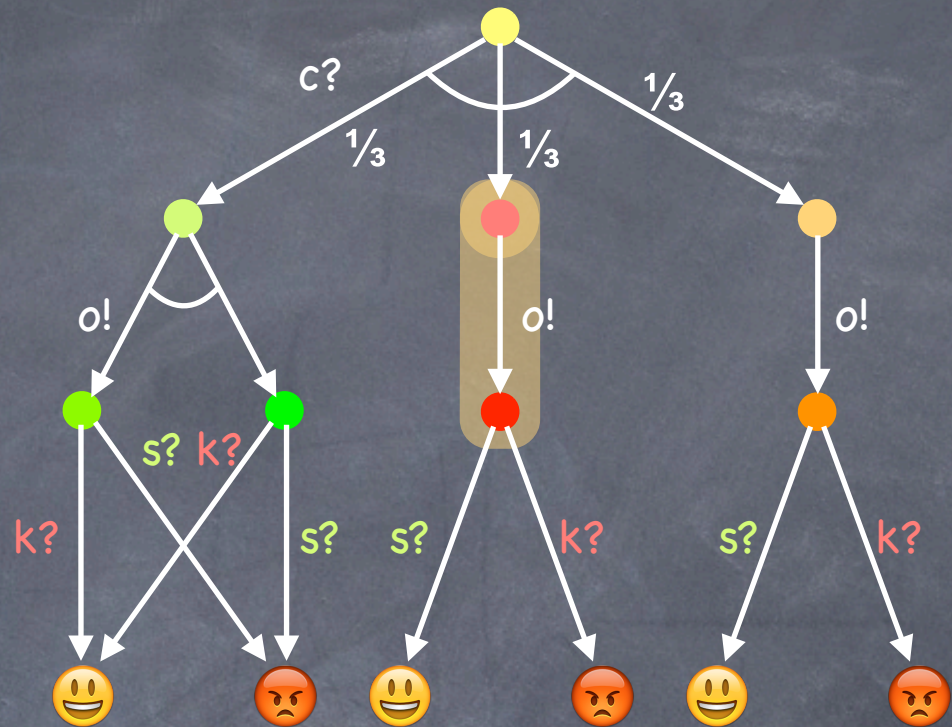
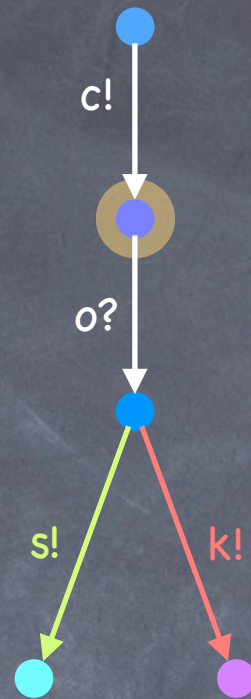


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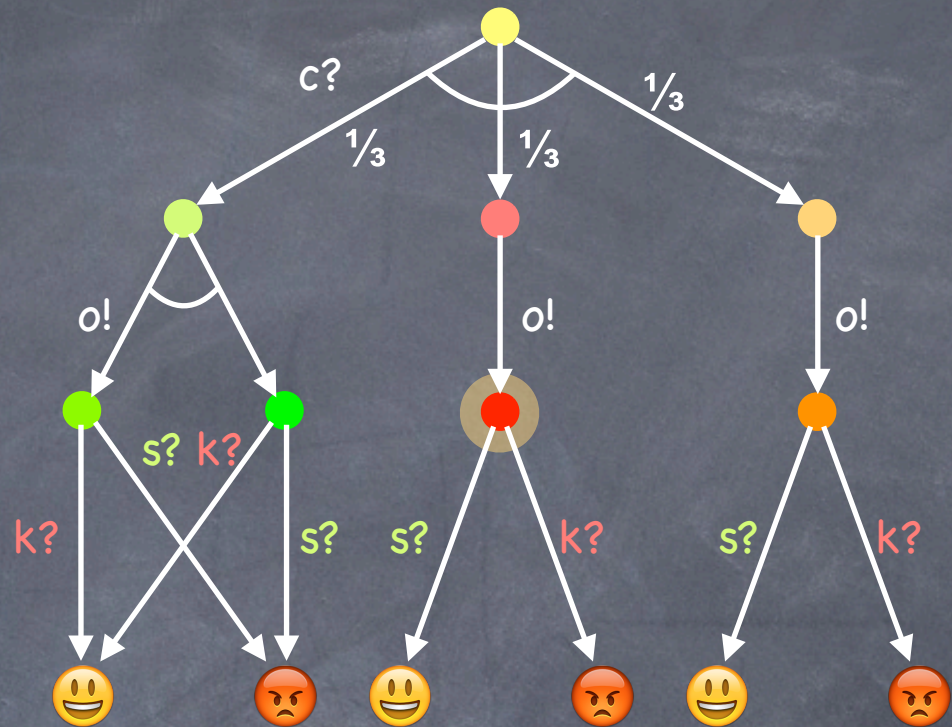
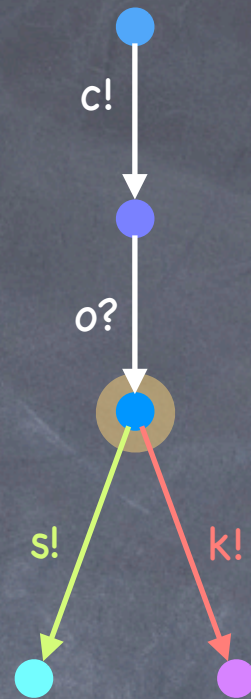
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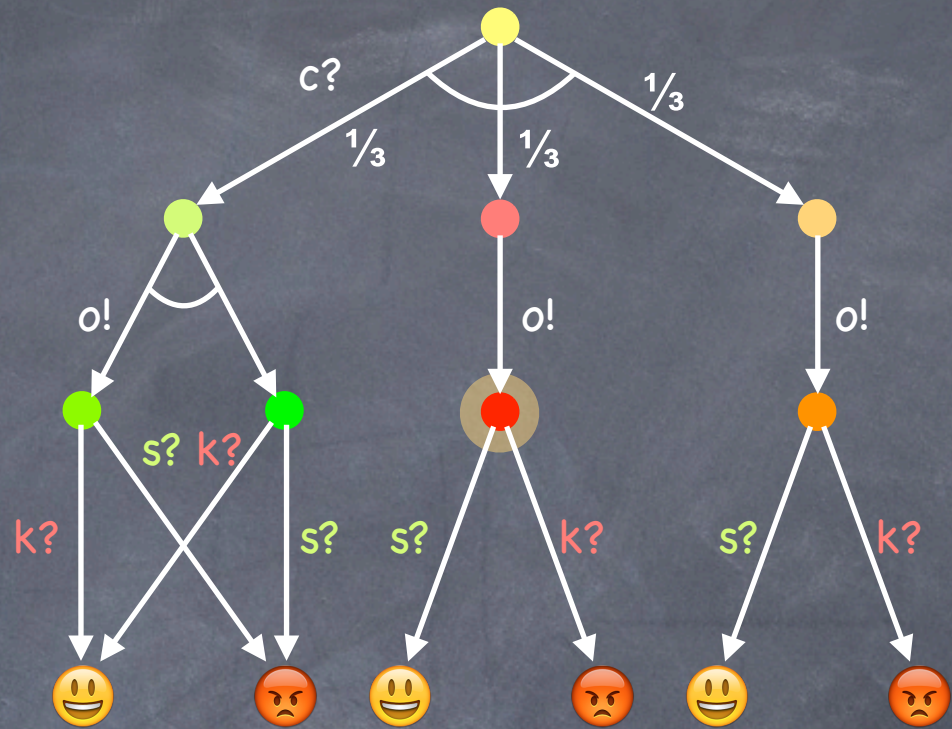
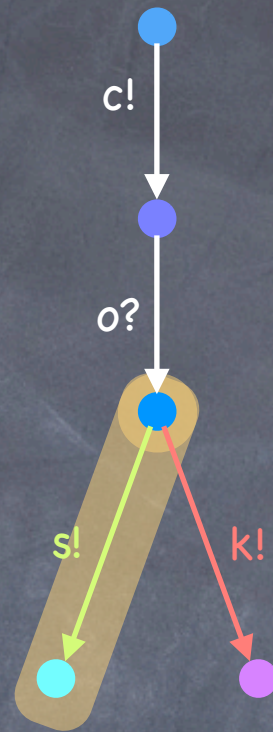
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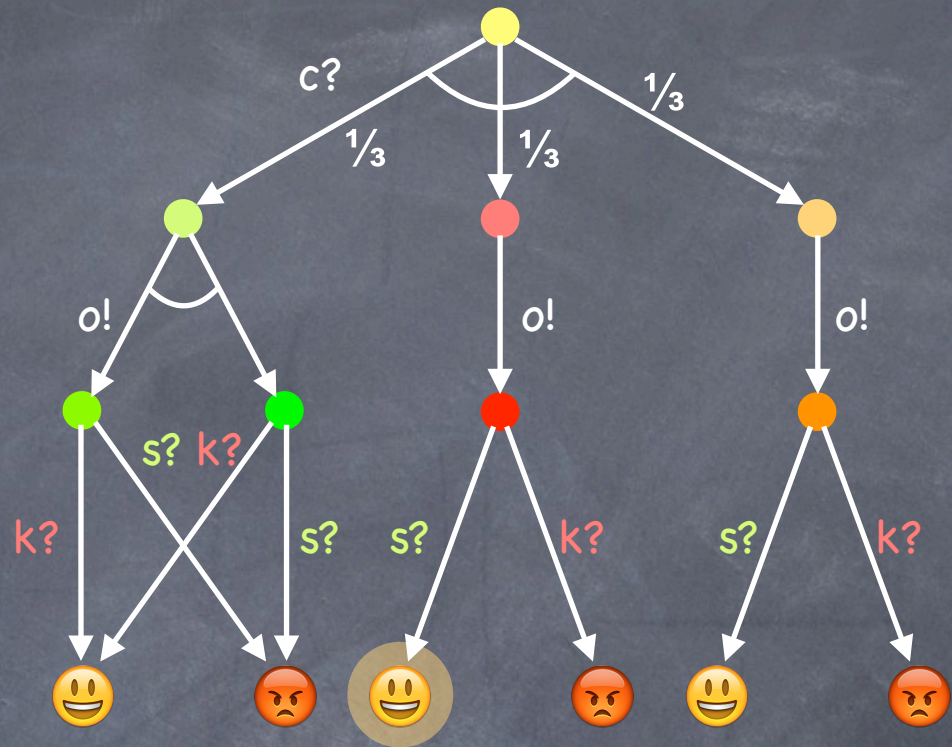
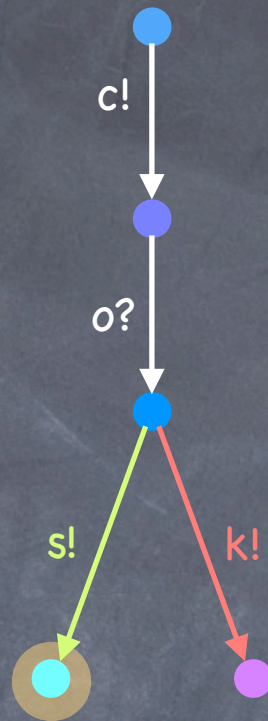
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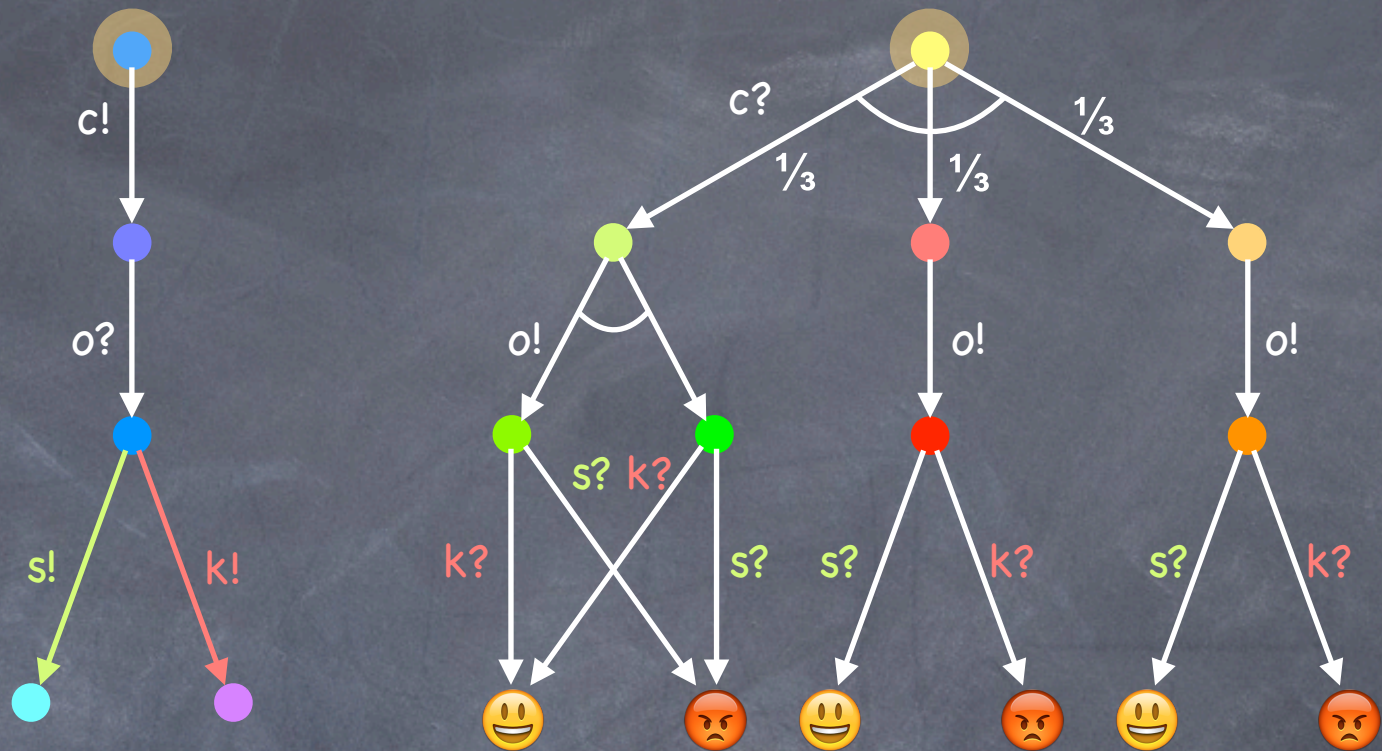
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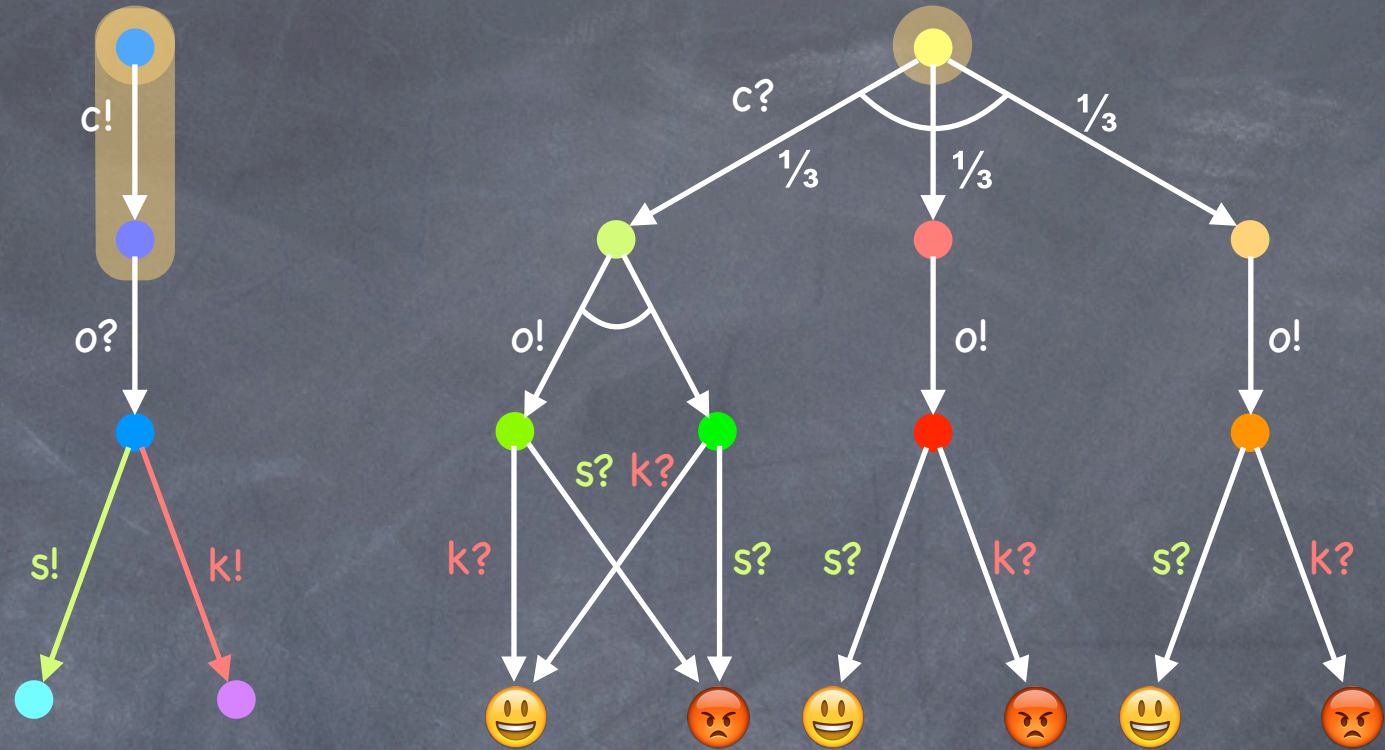
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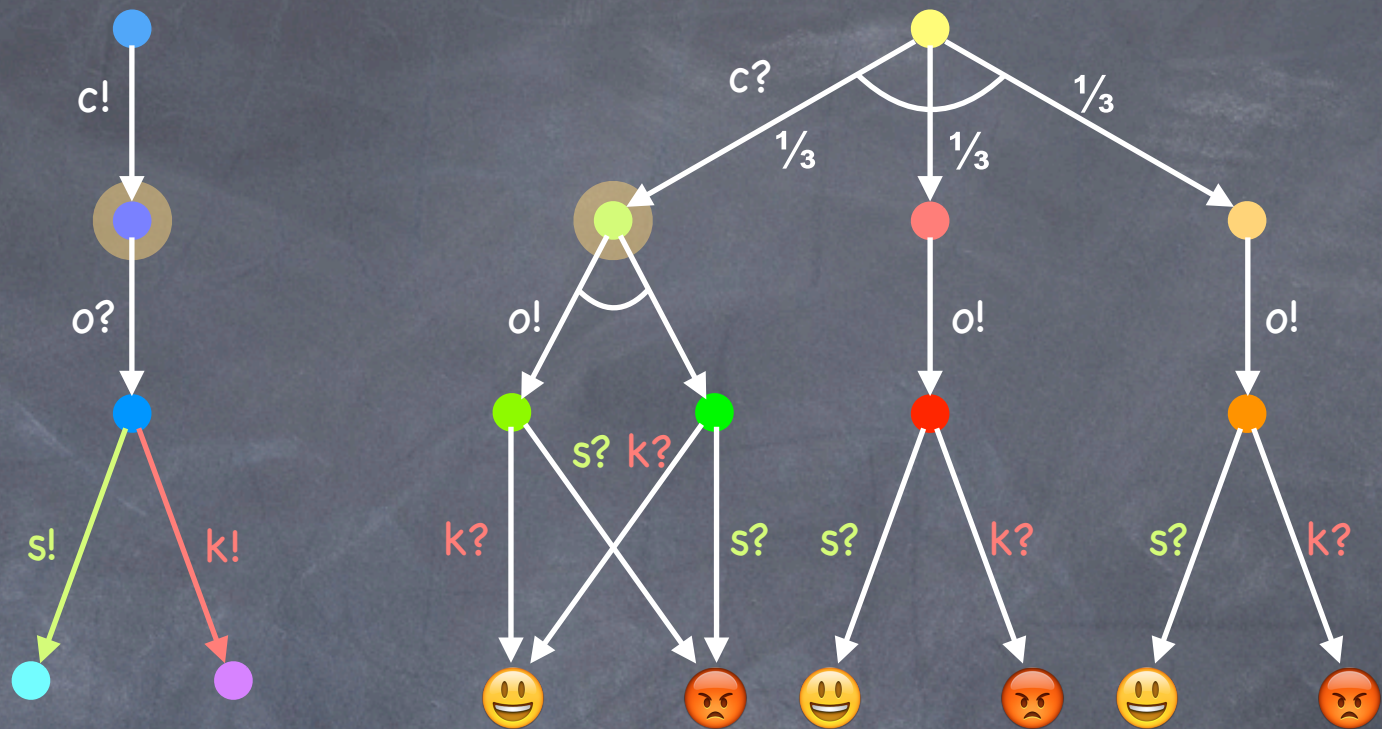
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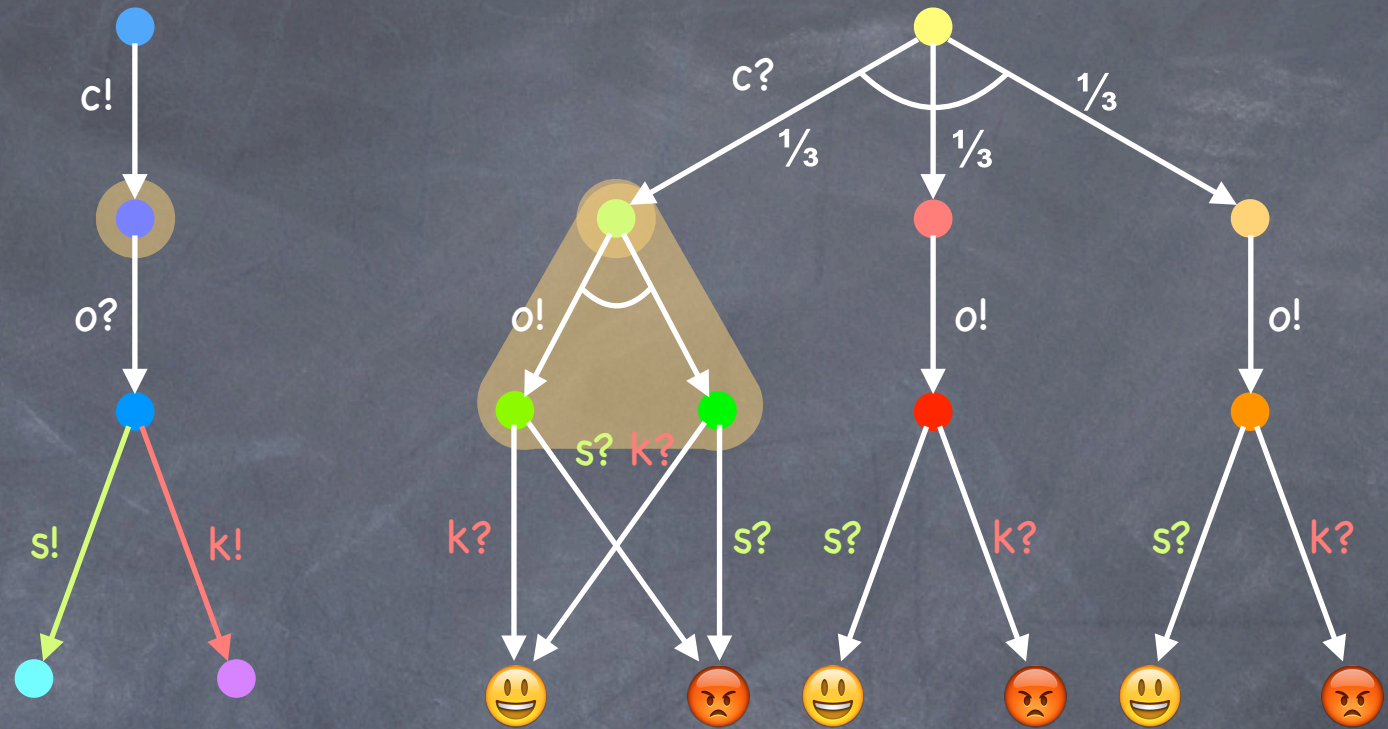
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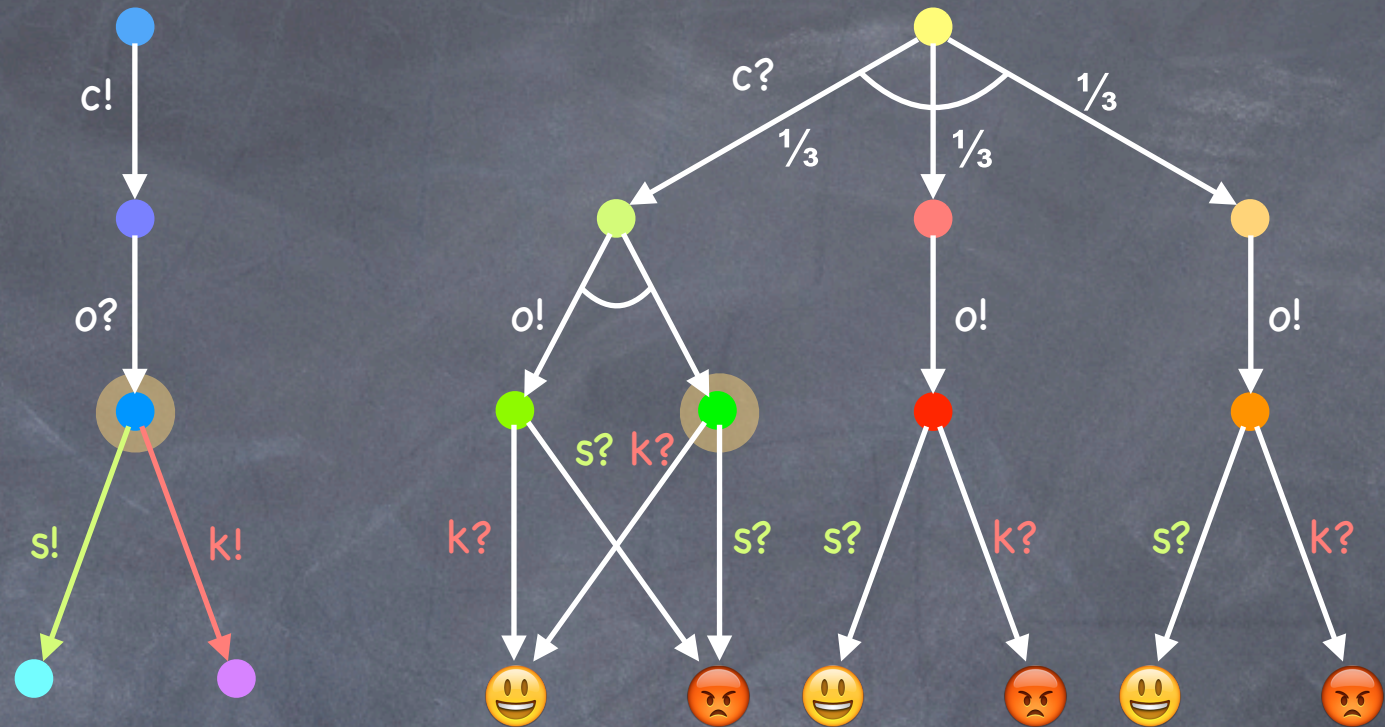
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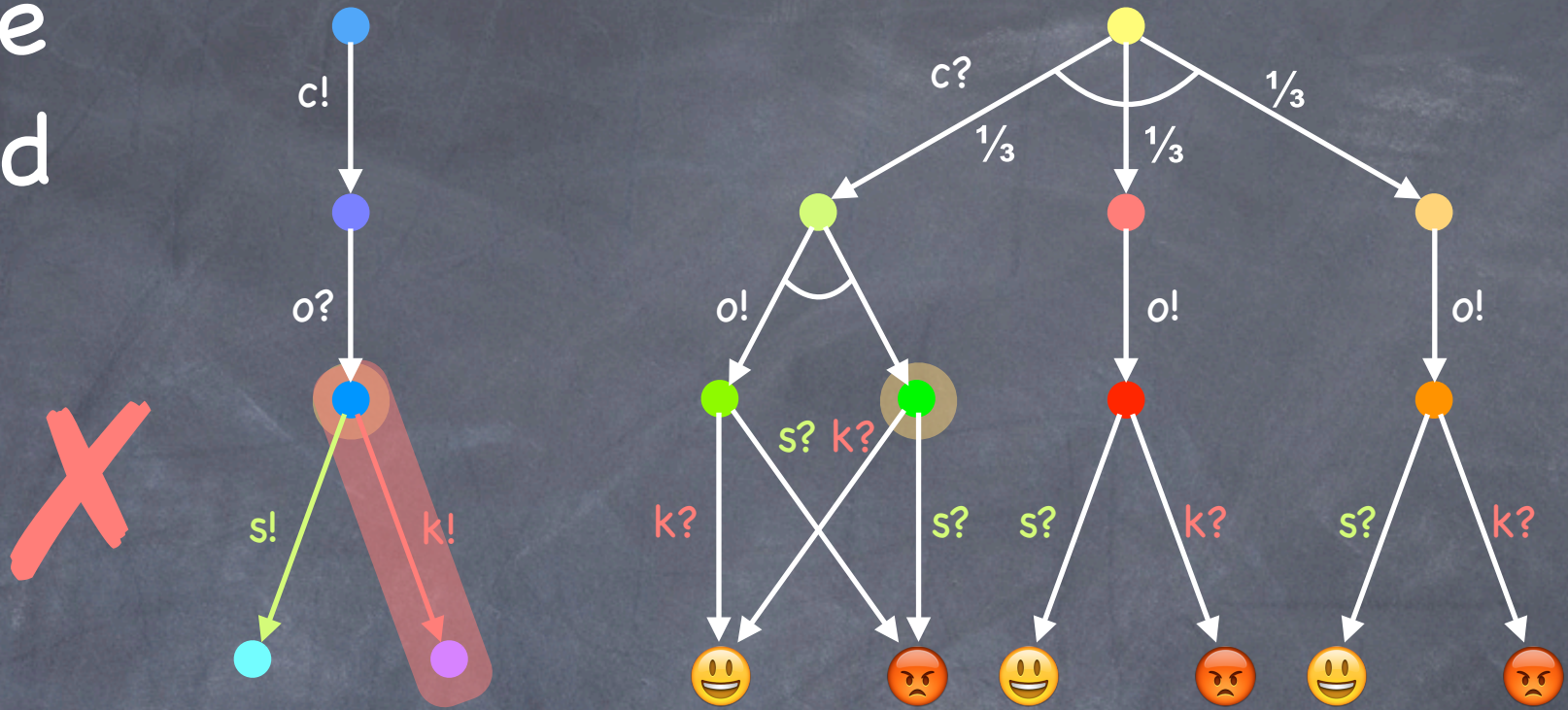
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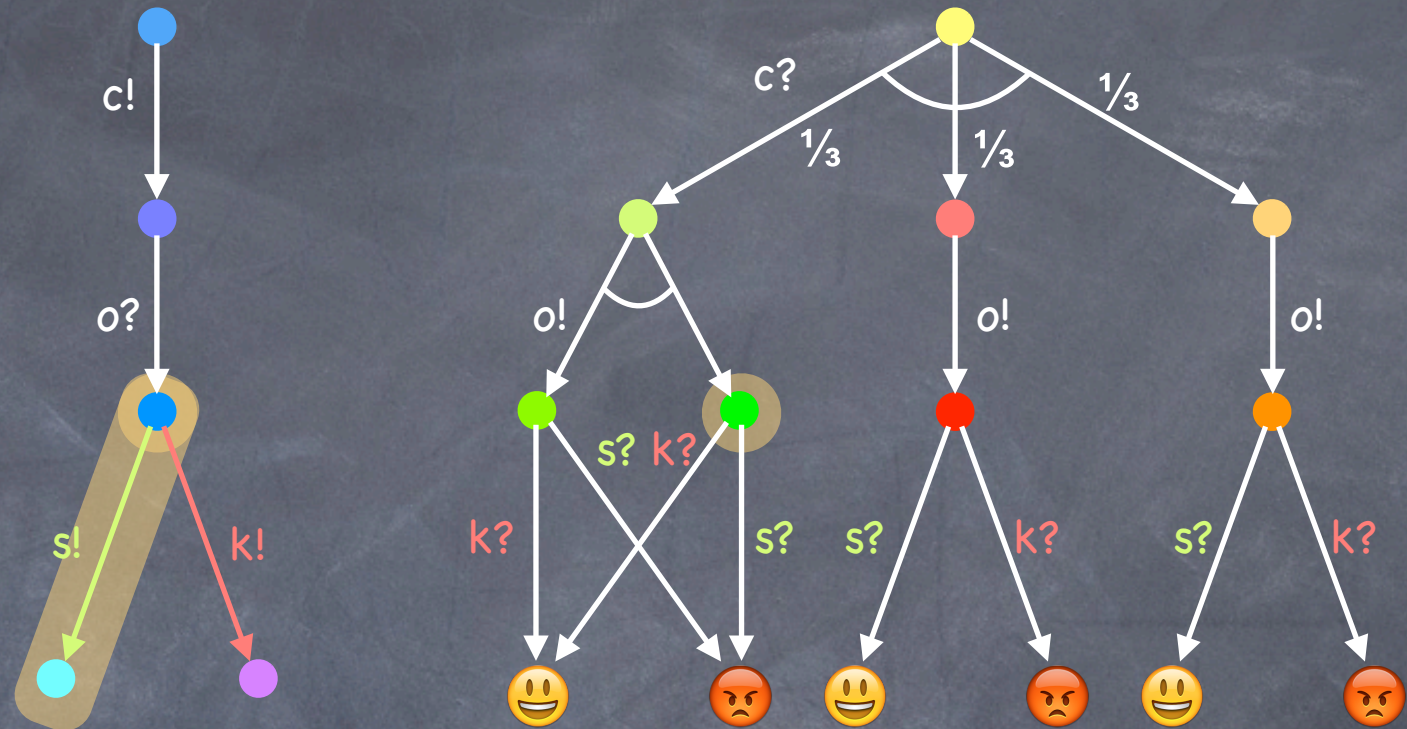
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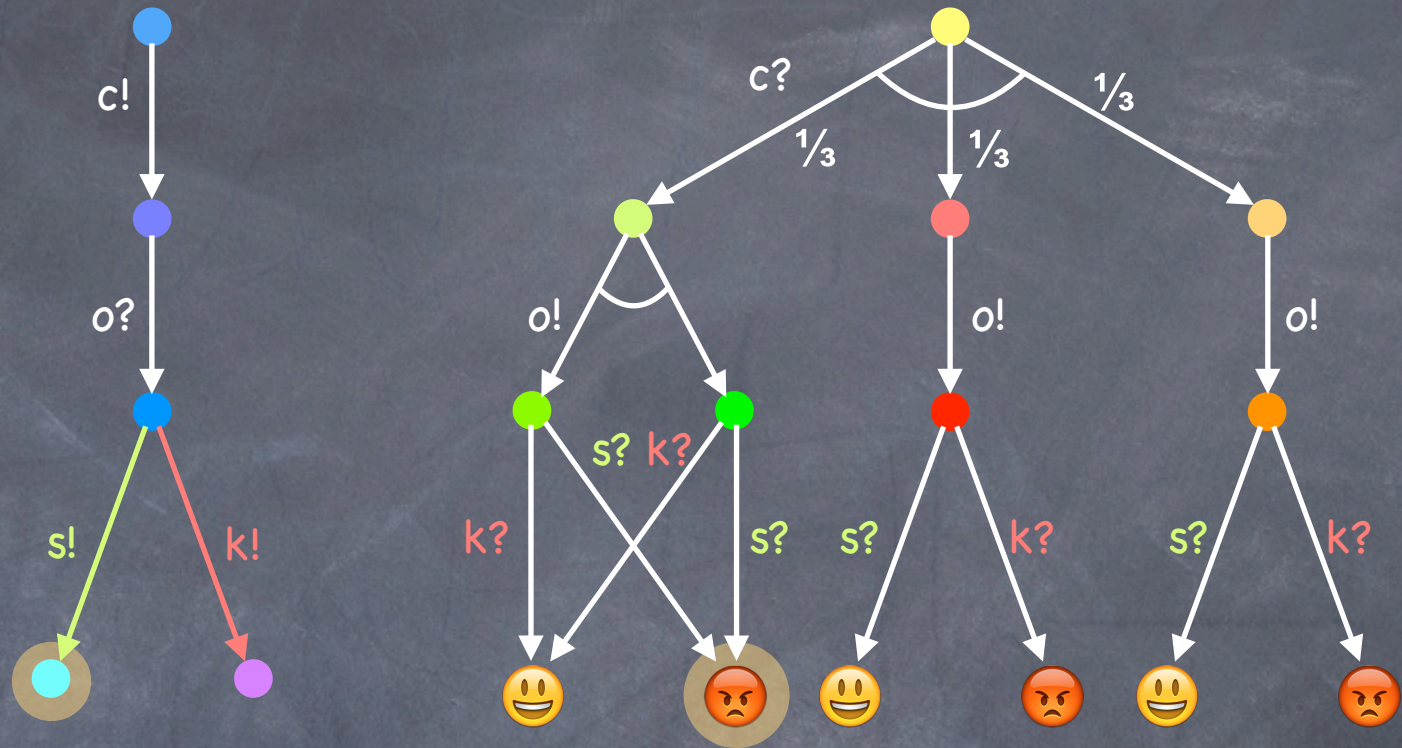
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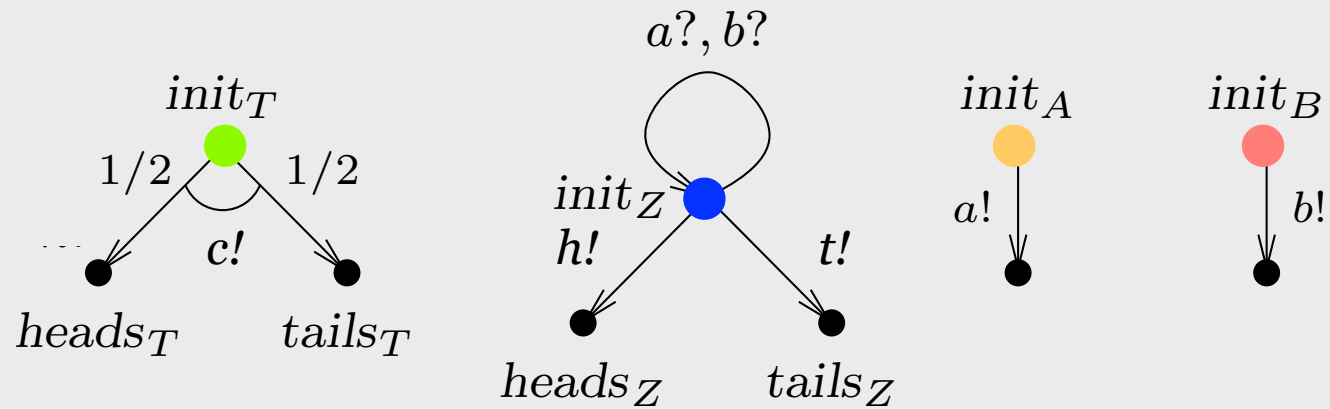
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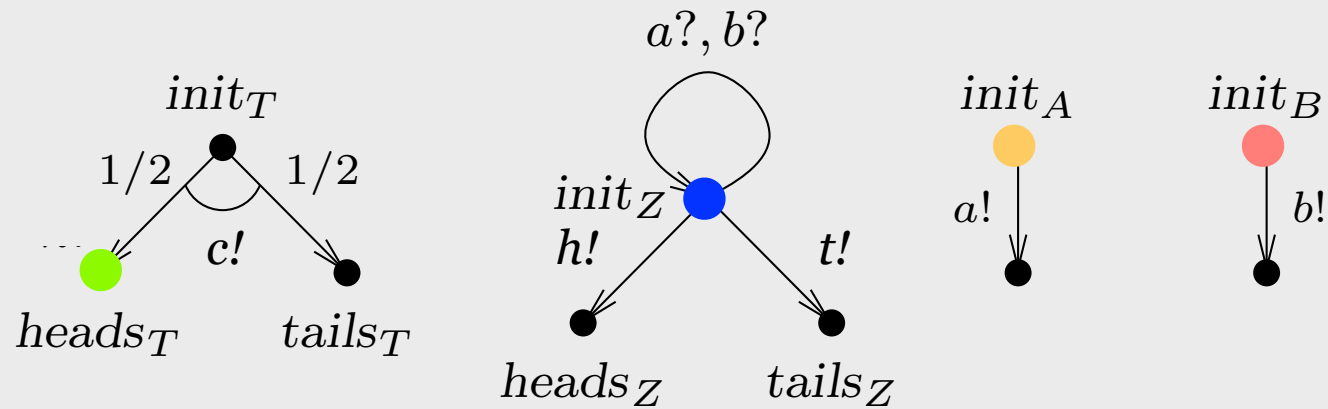
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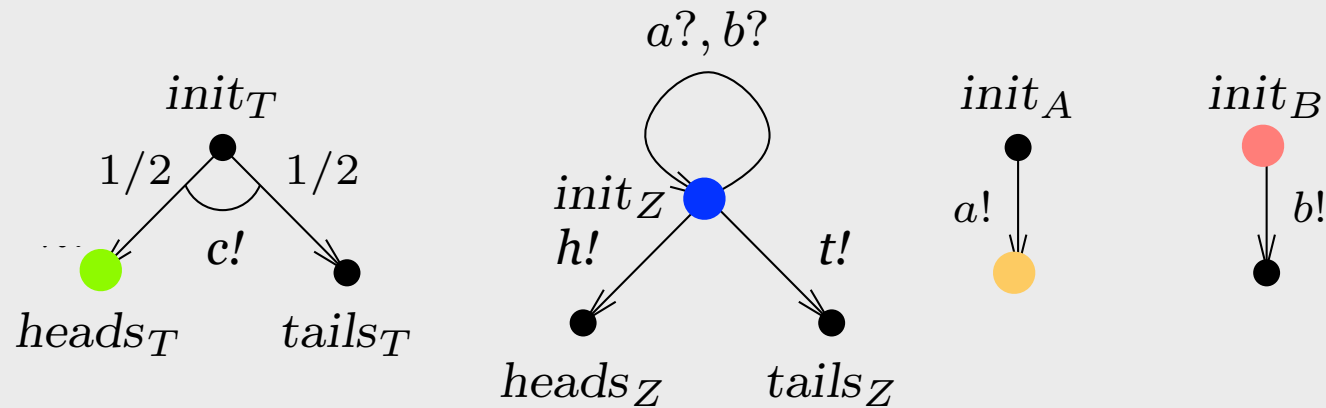


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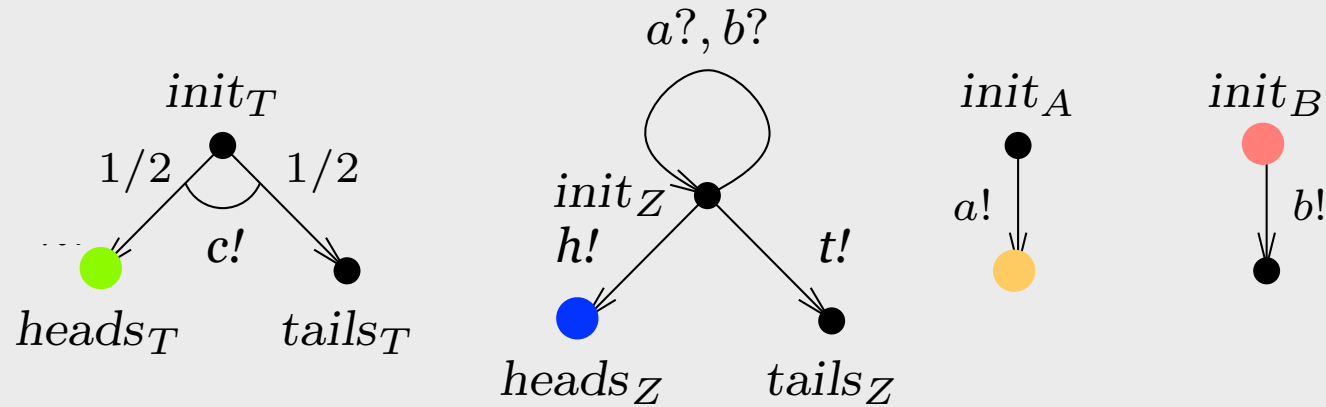
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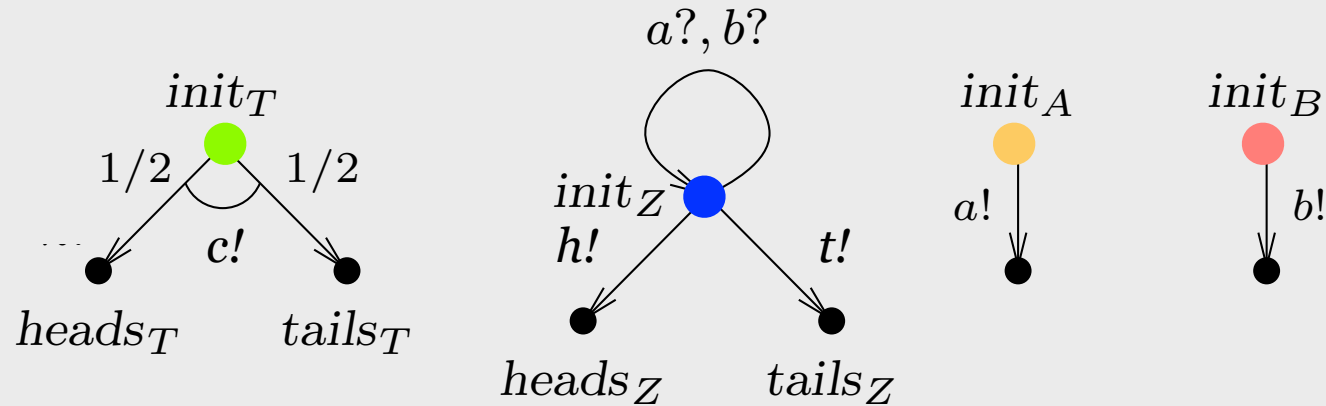


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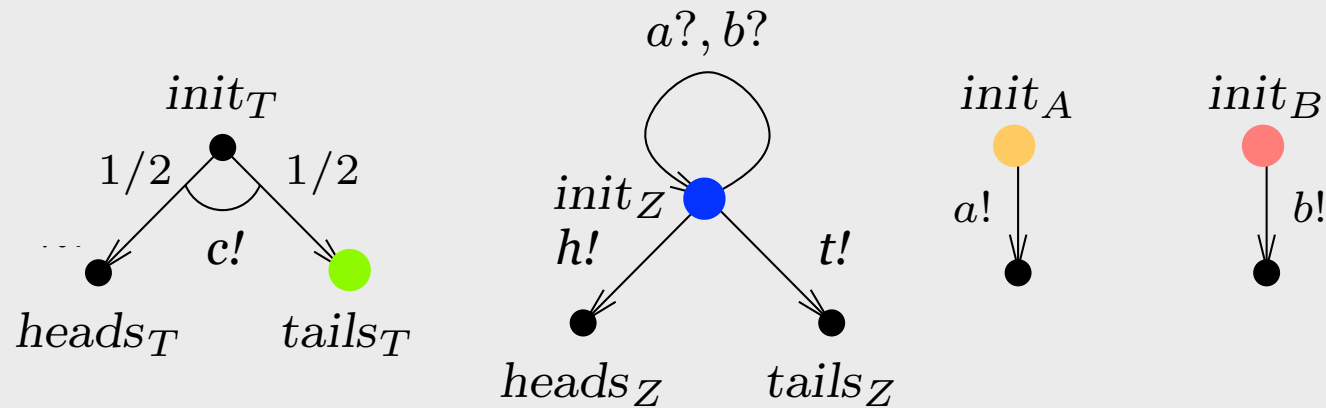


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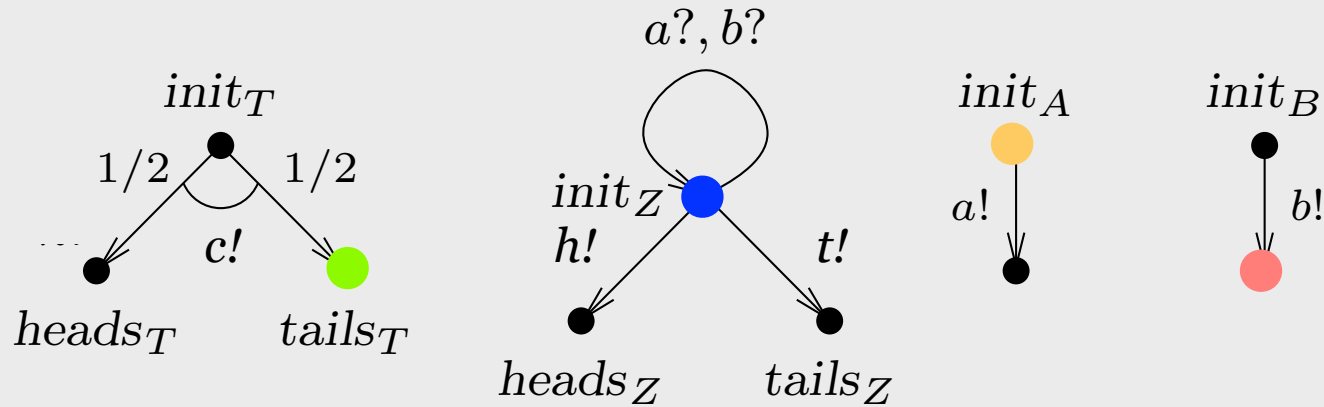
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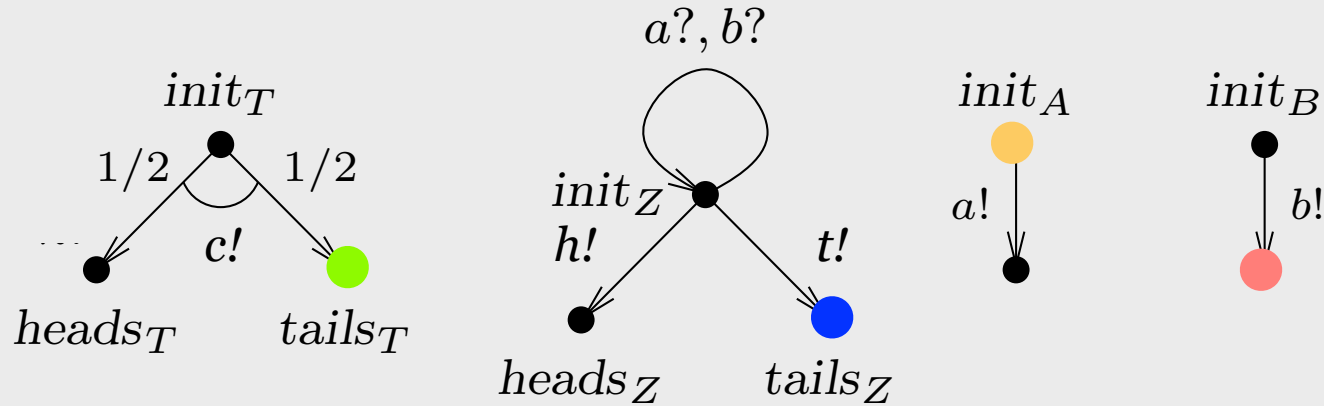
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$$\Theta_2 \left([(i_T, i_Z, i_A, i_B) \ c! \ (h_T, i_Z, i_A, i_B) \ a! \ (h_T, i_Z, e_A, i_B)]_2 \right) = \Theta_2 \left(i_Z \ a! \ i_Z \right) = h!$$

$$I \left((i_T, i_Z, i_A, i_B) \ c! \ (t_T, i_Z, i_A, i_B) \right) = 4$$

$$I \left((i_T, i_Z, i_A, i_B) \ c! \ (t_T, i_Z, i_A, i_B) \ b! \ (t_T, i_Z, i_A, e_B) \right) = 2$$

Are distributed schedulers what we need?



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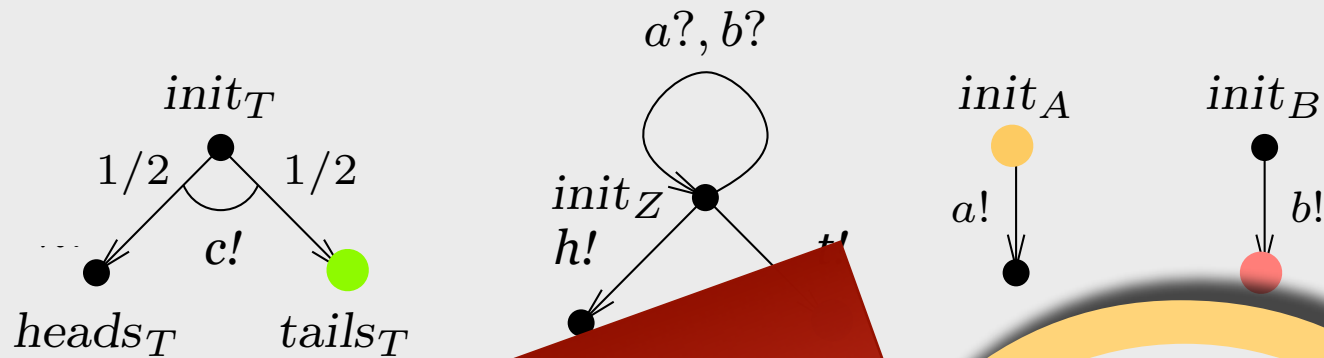
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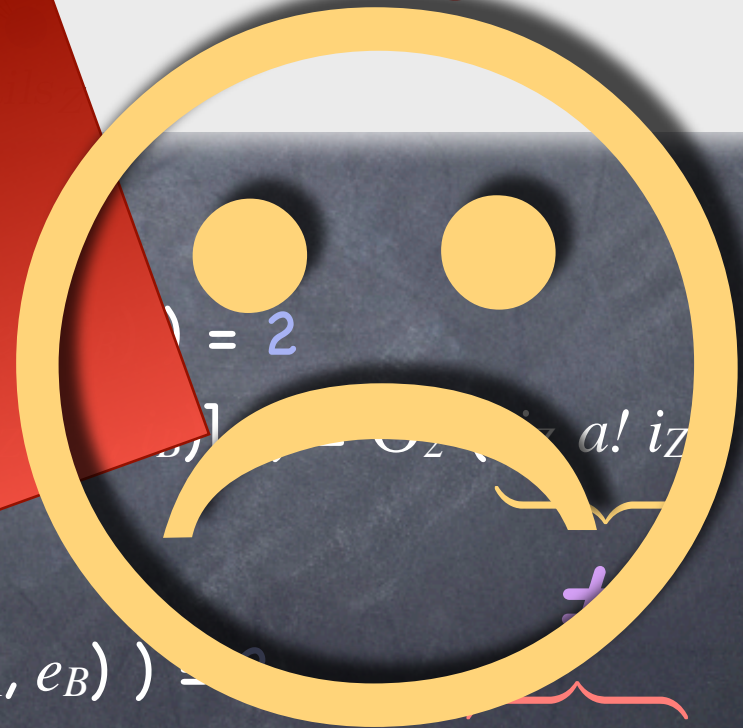
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$$\Theta_2 \left([(i_T, i_Z, i_A, i_B) \ c! \ (t_T, i_Z, i_A, i_B) \ b! \ (t_T, i_Z, i_A, e_B)]_2 \right) = \Theta_2 \left(\underbrace{i_Z \ b! \ i_Z}_{\neq} \right) = t!$$

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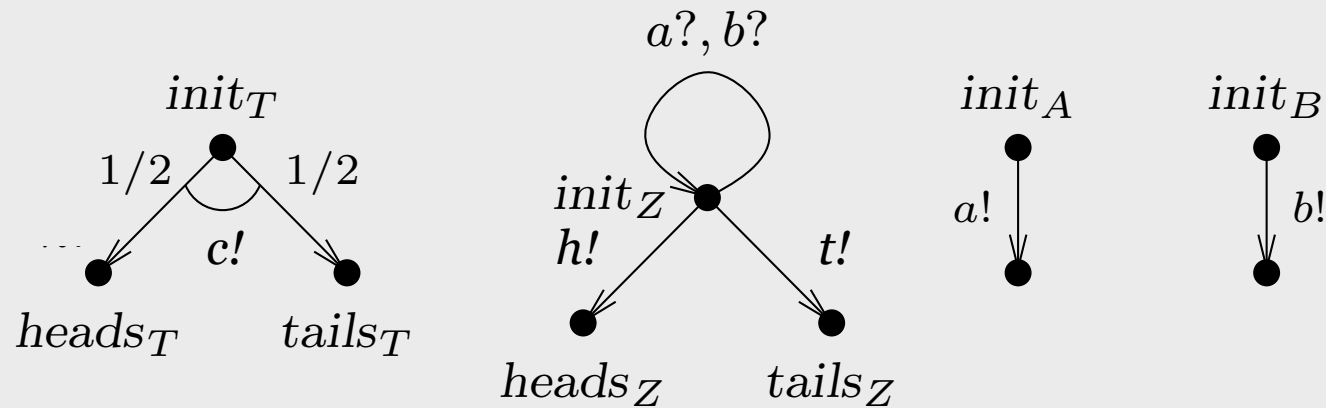


**MAXIMUM
PROBABILITY
IS 1**



$I((i_T, i_Z, i_A, i_B))$
 $I((i_T, i_Z, i_A, i_B)) = 2$
 $\Theta_2([i_T, i_Z, i_A, i_B]) = h!$
 $I((i_T, i_Z, i_A, i_B)) = 4$
 $I((i_T, i_Z, i_A, i_B) b! (t_T, i_Z, i_A, e_B)) = 2$
 $\Theta_2([(i_T, i_Z, i_A, i_B) c! (t_T, i_Z, i_A, i_B) b! (t_T, i_Z, i_A, e_B)]_2) = \Theta_2(i_Z b! i_Z) = t!$

Are distributed schedulers what we need?



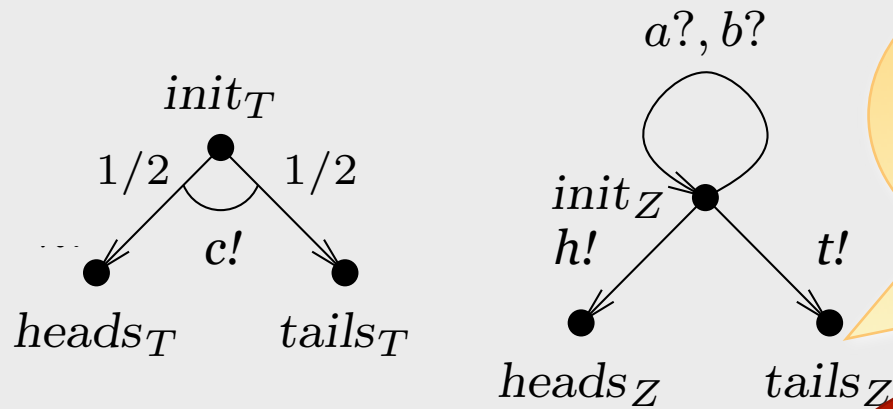
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$$[(i_T, i_Z, i_A, i_B) \ c! \ (h_T, i_Z, i_A, i_B)]_3 = i_A = [(i_T, i_Z, i_A, i_B) \ c! \ (t_T, i_Z, i_A, i_B)]_3$$

$$[(i_T, i_Z, i_A, i_B) \ c! \ (h_T, i_Z, i_A, i_B)]_4 = i_B = [(i_T, i_Z, i_A, i_B) \ c! \ (t_T, i_Z, i_A, i_B)]_4$$

Are distributed schedulers what we need?



None of components 3 and 4 can distinguish the system after these two executions

... and yet they are consider differently

$$I((i_T, i_Z, i_A, i_B) \ c! \ (h_T, i_Z, i_A, i_B)) = 3$$

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Strongly distributed schedulers

A **strongly distributed scheduler** is a distributed scheduler where \mathcal{I} (the interleaving scheduler) meets the following condition:

for all $\sigma, \sigma' \in \text{Frag}$ and components A_i, A_j ,

such that $[\sigma]_i = [\sigma']_i, [\sigma]_j = [\sigma']_j$, it holds that

$$\frac{\mathcal{I}(\sigma)(i)}{\mathcal{I}(\sigma)(i) + \mathcal{I}(\sigma)(j)} = \frac{\mathcal{I}(\sigma')(i)}{\mathcal{I}(\sigma')(i) + \mathcal{I}(\sigma')(j)}$$

provided $\mathcal{I}(\sigma)(i) + \mathcal{I}(\sigma)(j) \neq 0 \neq \mathcal{I}(\sigma')(i) + \mathcal{I}(\sigma')(j)$

Strongly distributed

If two components cannot distinguish two executions, their **relative probabilities** after such executions must be the **same**

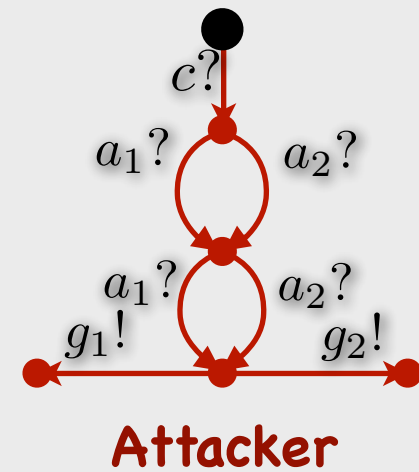
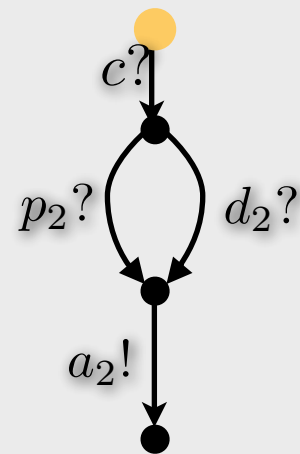
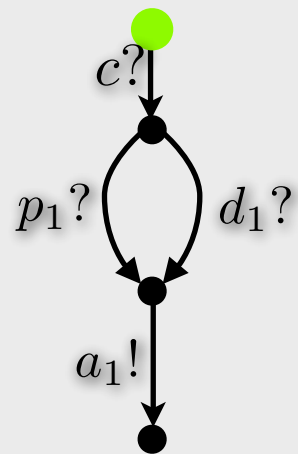
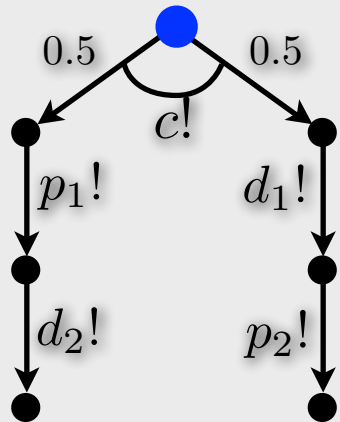
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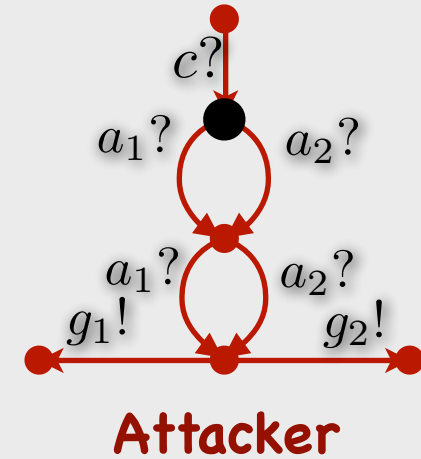
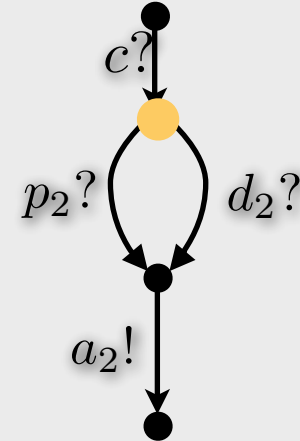
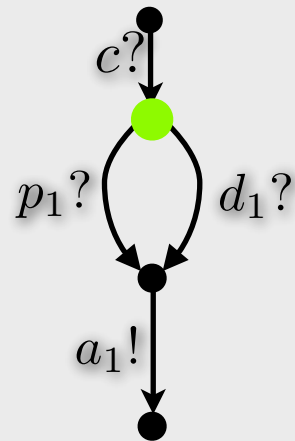
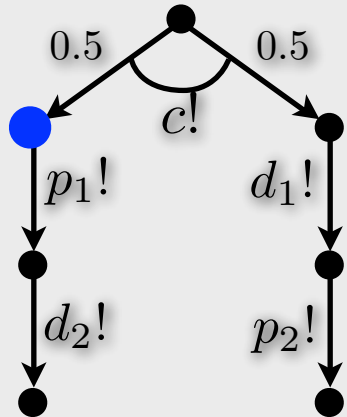
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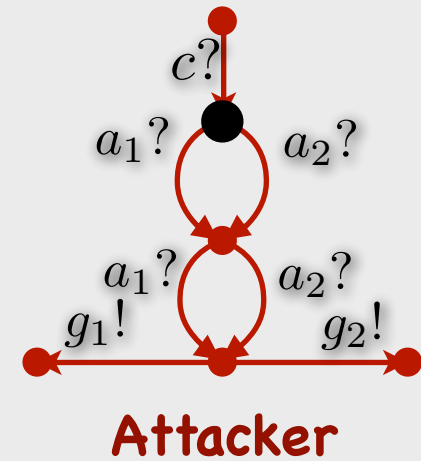
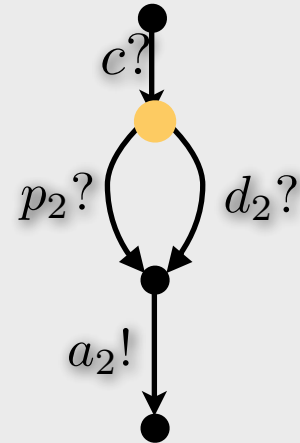
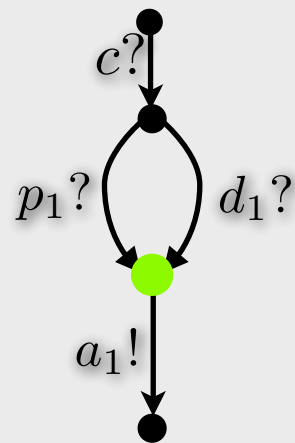
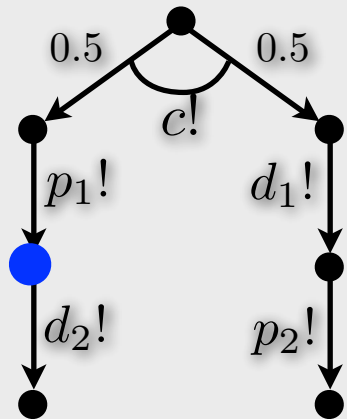
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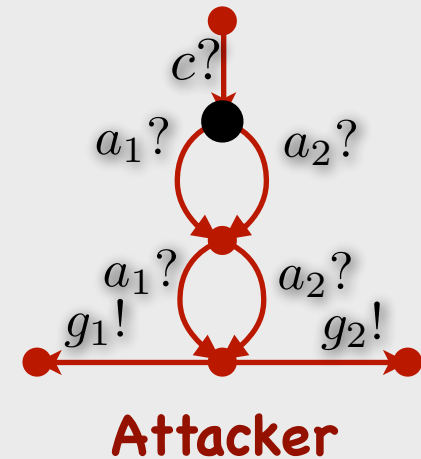
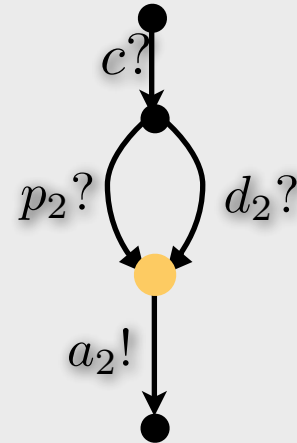
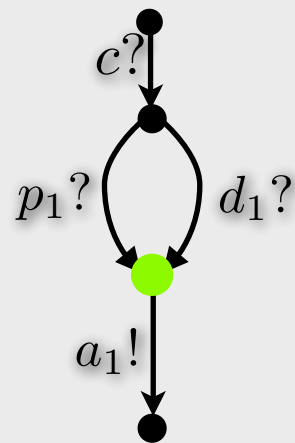
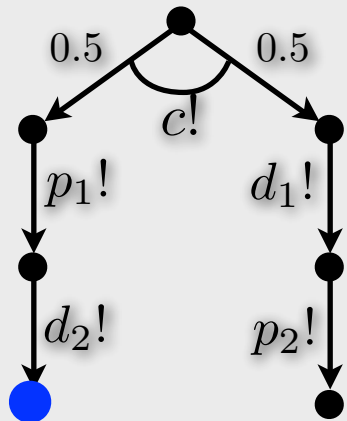
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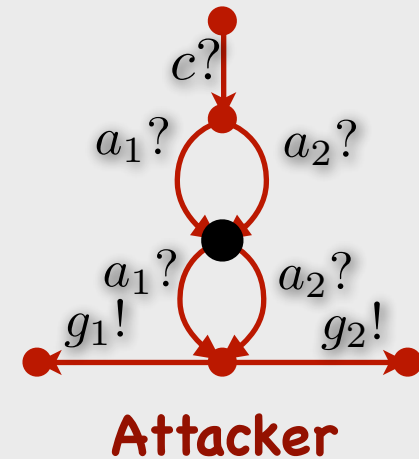
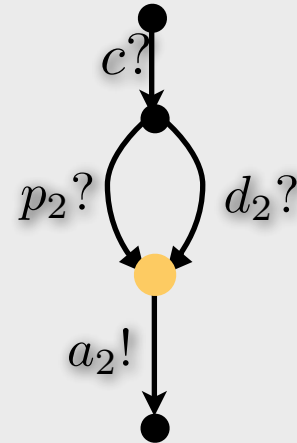
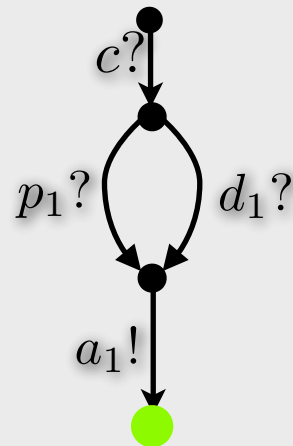
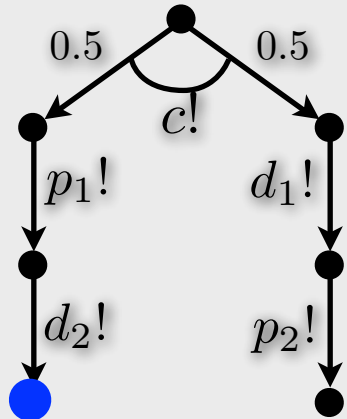


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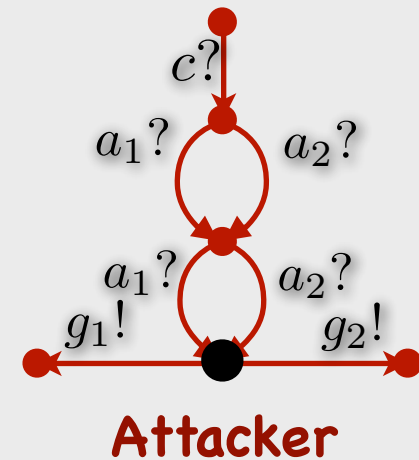
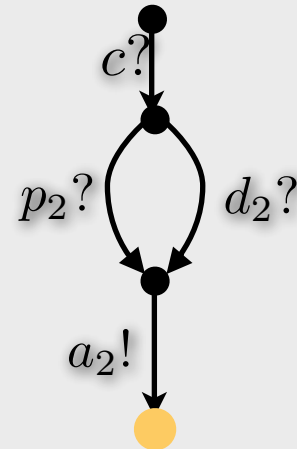
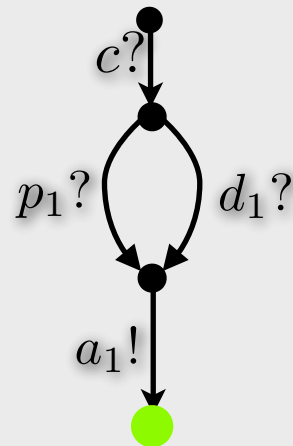
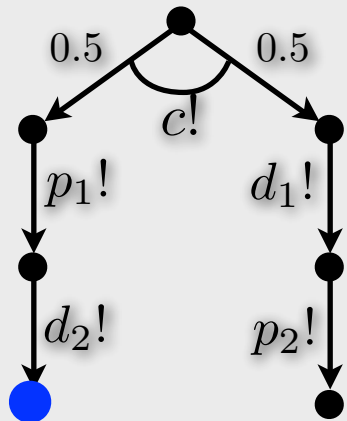
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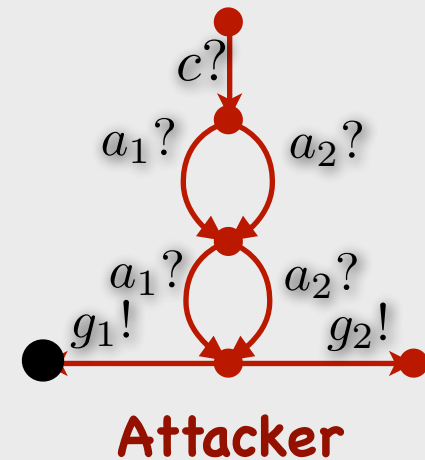
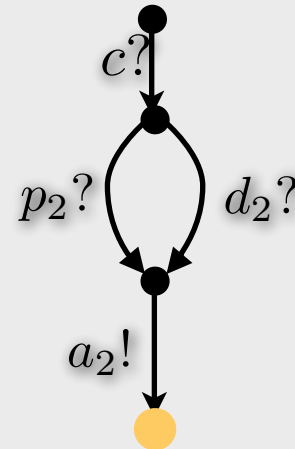
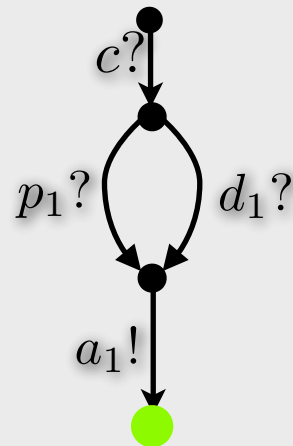
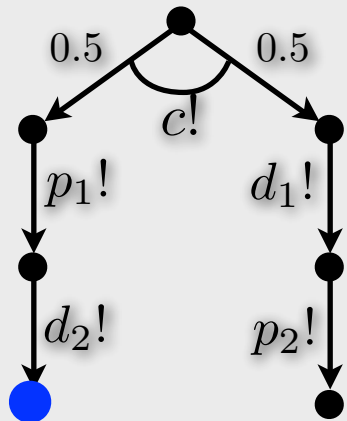


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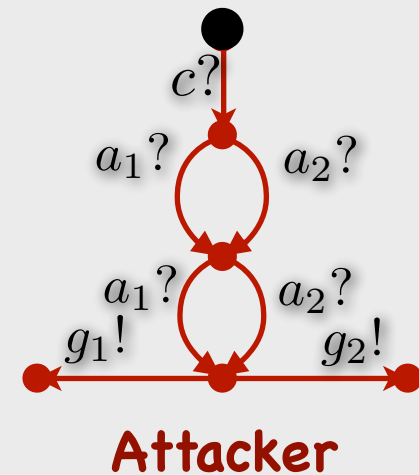
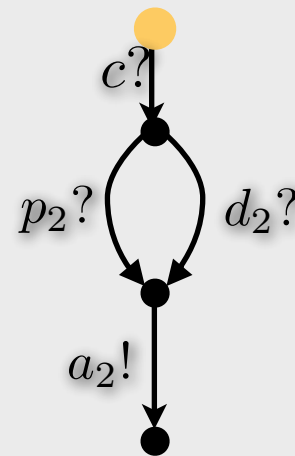
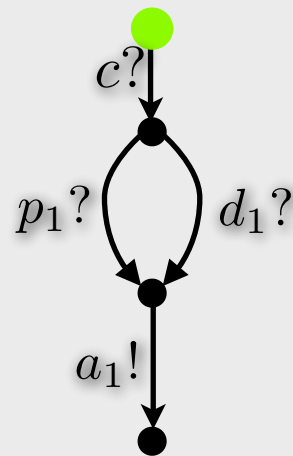
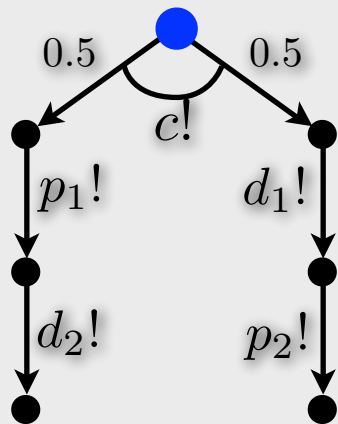
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Attacker guesses 1

What about security?



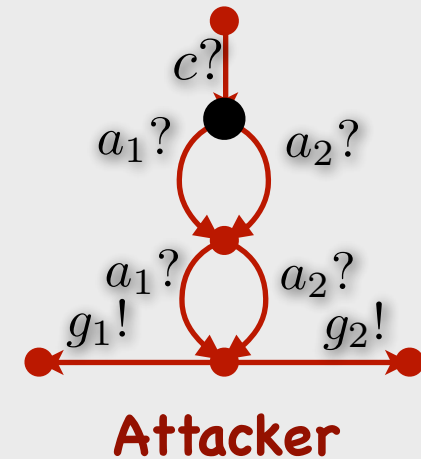
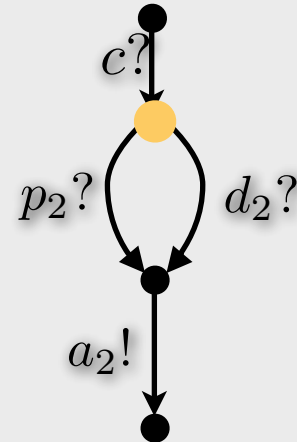
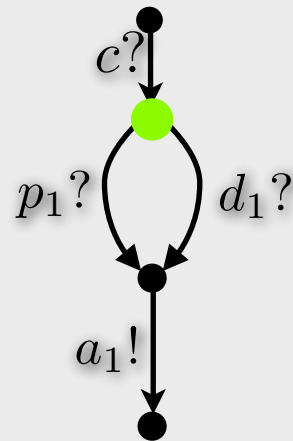
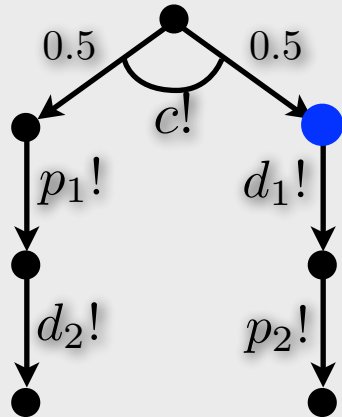
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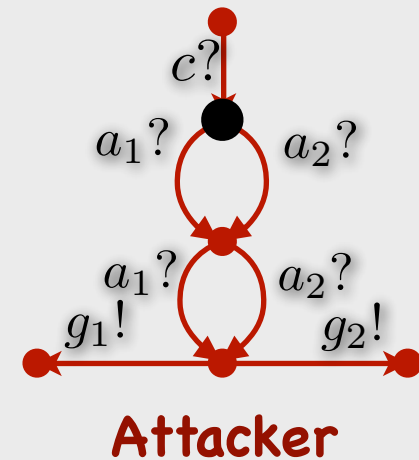
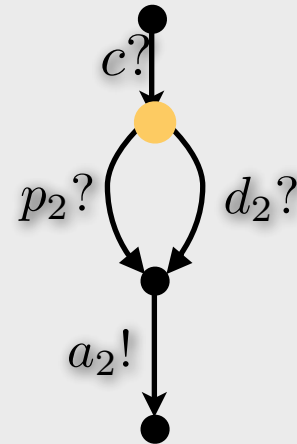
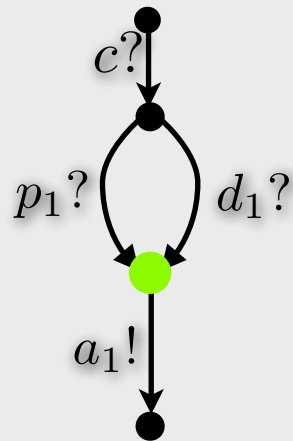
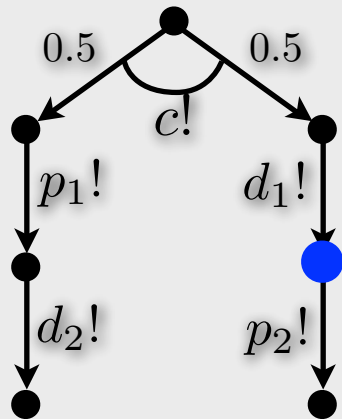
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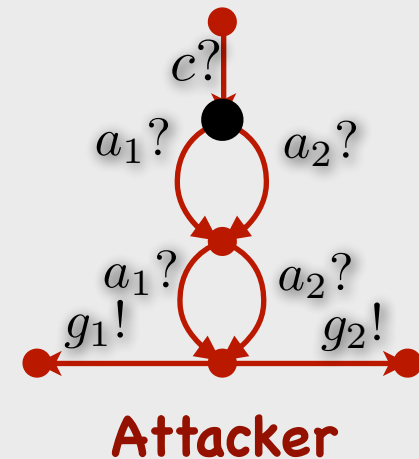
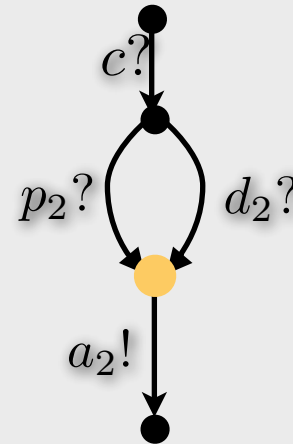
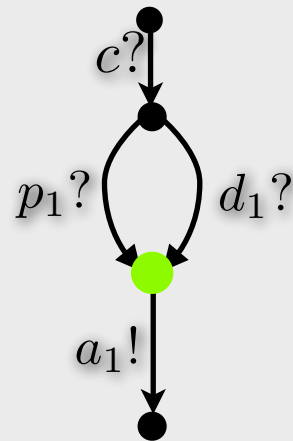
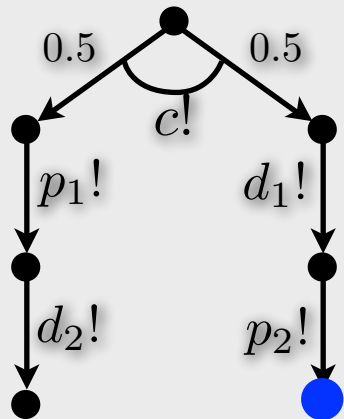
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Attacker guesses 1

What about security?



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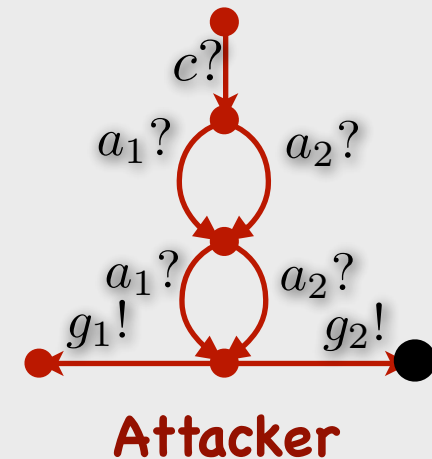
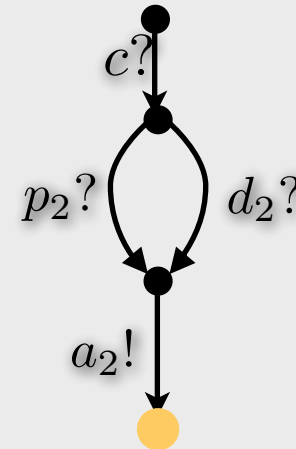
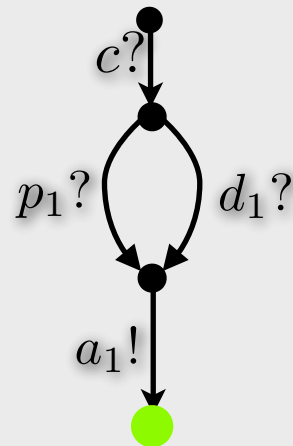
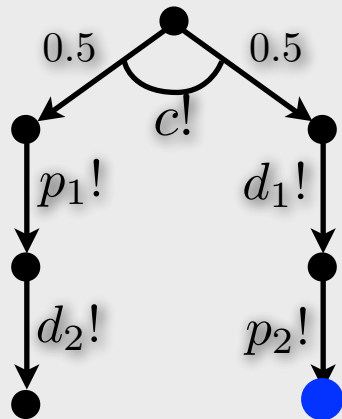
$$I(c \ p_1 \ d_2 \ a_1 \ a_2) = \text{Atck}$$

Attacker guesses 1

$$[c \ p_1 \ d_2]_1 = p_1 \neq d_1 = [c \ d_1 \ p_2]_1$$

$$[c \ p_1 \ d_2]_2 = p_2 \neq d_2 = [c \ d_1 \ p_2]_2$$

What about security?



$$I(\underline{c \ p_1 \ d_2}) = 1$$

$$I(c \ p_1 \ d_2 \ a_1) = 2$$

$$I(c \ p_1 \ d_2 \ \underline{a_1 \ a_2}) = \text{Atck}$$

Attacker guesses 1

$$I(\underline{c \ d_1 \ p_2}) = 2$$

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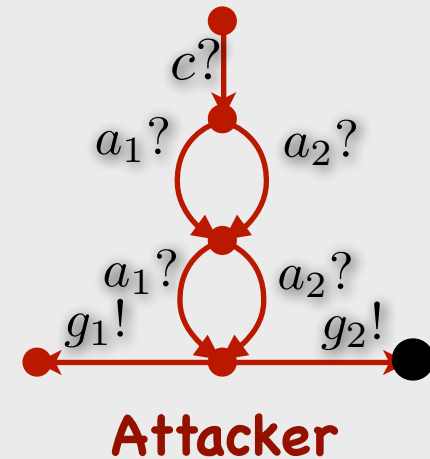
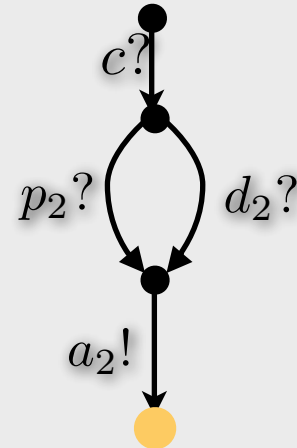
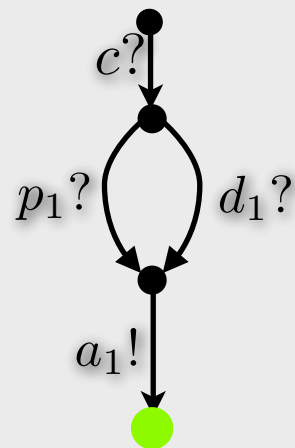
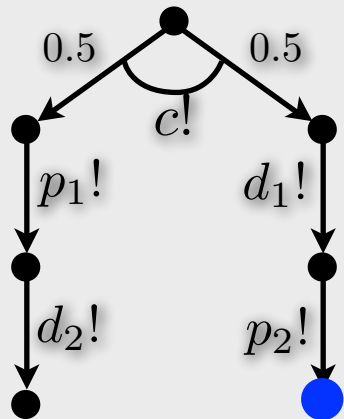
Attacker guesses 2



$$[c \ p_1 \ d_2]_1 = p_1 \neq d_1 = [c \ d_1 \ p_2]_1$$

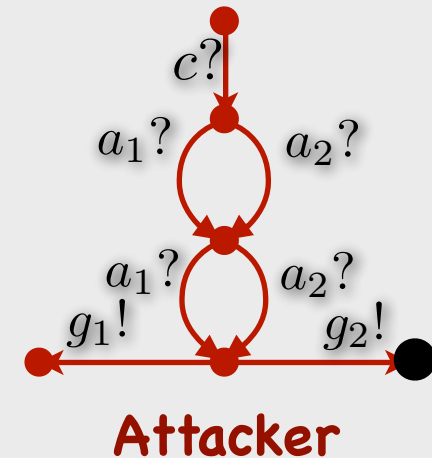
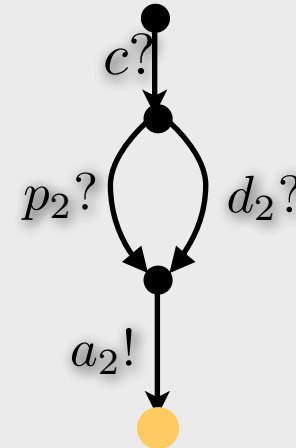
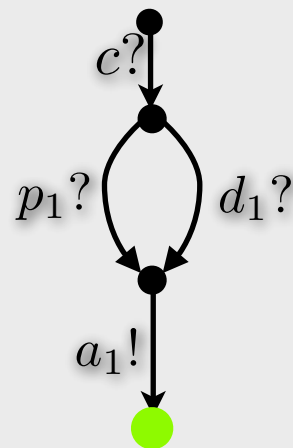
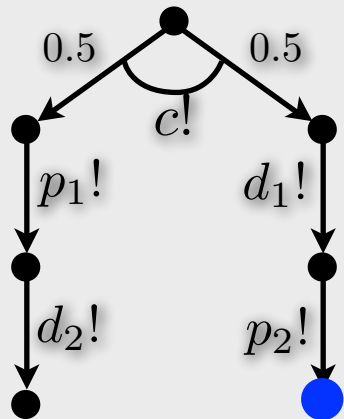
$$[c \ p_1 \ d_2]_2 = p_2 \neq d_2 = [c \ d_1 \ p_2]_2$$

What about security?



$$\begin{aligned} [c \ p_1 \ d_2]_1 &= p_1 \neq d_1 = [c \ d_1 \ p_2]_1 \\ [c \ p_1 \ d_2]_2 &= p_2 \neq d_2 = [c \ d_1 \ p_2]_2 \end{aligned}$$

What about security?



$$[c \ p_1 \ d_2]_1 = p_1 \approx d_1 = [c \ d_1 \ p_2]_1$$

$$[c \ p_1 \ d_2]_2 = p_2 \approx d_2 = [c \ d_1 \ p_2]_2$$

secret actions should not
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Distributed schedulers under secrecy

A **distributed scheduler under secrecy** is a distributed scheduler where \mathcal{I} meets the following condition:

for all $\sigma, \sigma' \in \text{Frag}$ and components A_i, A_j ,

such that $[\sigma]_i \approx [\sigma']_i, [\sigma]_j \approx [\sigma']_j$, it holds that

$$\frac{\mathcal{I}(\sigma)(i)}{\mathcal{I}(\sigma)(i) + \mathcal{I}(\sigma)(j)} = \frac{\mathcal{I}(\sigma')(i)}{\mathcal{I}(\sigma')(i) + \mathcal{I}(\sigma')(j)}$$

provided $\mathcal{I}(\sigma)(i) + \mathcal{I}(\sigma)(j) \neq 0 \neq \mathcal{I}(\sigma')(i) + \mathcal{I}(\sigma')(j)$

$(\forall a \in O_i : \text{last}([\sigma]_i) \xrightarrow{a}_i) \text{ iff } (\forall a \in O_i : \text{last}([\sigma']_i) \xrightarrow{a}_i)$

$(\forall a \in O_j : \text{last}([\sigma]_j) \xrightarrow{a}_j) \text{ iff } (\forall a \in O_j : \text{last}([\sigma']_j) \xrightarrow{a}_j)$

Results (finite state models)

	Dist. Sched.	Str. Dist. Sched.	Distr. Sched. with Secrecy
Det = Random $\sup P(F \text{ goal})$	Yes	No	No
$\sup P(F \text{ goal})?$	Undecidable	Undecidable	Undecidable
$\sup P(F \text{ goal}) = 1$	Undecidable	Undecidable	Undecidable

$\sup P(F \text{ goal})?$ is NP-Hard for

(locally | globally) memoryless (deterministic | randomized)

distributed schedulers

Results (finite state systems)

- Partial order reduction:

- Peled's original conditions **preserve strongly distributed schedulers**
- Apply classical algorithms for prob. MC on reduction

- Counterexample guided refinement:

- Check $\sup P(F \text{ goal}) \leq p$ with classical Prob. MC
- If the result is true \Rightarrow the model sat. property
- If not and counterexample is a DS \Rightarrow error
- If not and counterexample is not a DS
 \Rightarrow refine model and recalculate

Results (finite behaviour systems)

- Bounded reachability reduces to a polynomial optimization problem
 - For dist. schedulers variables take value in $\{0,1\}$
 - For SDS/DSS \Rightarrow quadratic restrictions
- Anonymity can be encoded on SMTs
 - through a system of polynomial inequalities
- A good thing:
 - Usually, security protocols are of finite behavior
- A bad thing:
 - Inherently exponential

Conclusion

Ignored by
classical probabilistic
model checking

- **Distributed schedulers** properly captures the idea of **partial observation among components**.
- Particularly suited for **security**.
- These observations has been acknowledge by other authors from different point of views:
 - **Compositionality** [de Alfaro, Henzinger, Jhala, 2001], [Cheung, Lynch, Segala, Vaandrager, 2006]
 - **Security analysis** [Chatzikokolakis, Palamidessi, 2007], [Andrés, Palamidessi, Rossum, Sokolova, 2011], [Chadha Sistla, Viswanathan, 2010]
 - **Testing** [Georgievska, Andova, 2010], [Hierons, Núñez 2012]
- Down side: **undecidability** and **complexity**

Conclusion

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- Distributed schedulers properly captures the idea of partial observation among components.

- Partial observation model for security.

e.g.: tractable but interesting
subclasses / abstraction techniques /
appropriate data structures / etc.

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point of views:

- Security analysis [de Alfaro, Henzinger, Segala, Vaandrager, 2006]

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They did not stop the automated
theorem proving or SAT solving
communities (among others)

- Testing [Georgievska, Andova, 2010], [Hierons, 2012]

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